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Hasina quits, flees Bangladesh, lands in India as protests surge

The country's longest-serving PM airlifted out of Dhaka and lands in Hindon Air Force station near Delhi; she seeks asylum in U.K.; an interim govt. will take over, says Army chief; protesters storm the PM's residence after defying a curfew order

Rabiul Alam
DHAKA

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who had been in power for the past 15 years, resigned and fled the country on Monday noon by a helicopter after weeks of deadly unrest in which more than 300 people have been killed.

The country is now set to have an interim government.

Later in the day, Ms. Hasina landed at the Hindon Air Force station near Delhi. Ms. Hasina has requested asylum from the U.K. Her sister Rehana, who holds U.K. citizenship, is accompanying her, sources told *The Hindu*.

In Dhaka, Army Chief Gen. Waker-Uz-Zaman confirmed her resignation in an address to the nation. He urged protesters to stop the unrest and pledged to meet their demands and bring justice for those who were killed.

He said he would talk to the President to form the interim government and had held talks with the main Opposition parties and civil society members, but not the Awami League, Ms. Hasina's party. The Army chief will also hold a meeting with protesting student leaders.

Reign ends: Protesters storm outgoing Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina's palace in Dhaka on Monday. AFP

"I am taking full responsibility. If the situation gets better, there is no need for an emergency. We hope to go towards a better situation together. The country has suffered a lot, the economy has been hit, and many people have been killed. It is time to stop the violence," said the General.

On Monday, as a part of the 'March to Dhaka' campaign demanding Ms. Hasina's resignation, called by the Students Against Discrimination, thousands started gathering at the main points of Dhaka, defying a curfew order.

Police stopped them in some parts but could not hold them for long as thousands mobilised on the streets.

PM residence breached

Around 3 p.m. local time, protesters breached the police barricades and opened the gates of the Gonobhaban, the Prime Minister's official residence, and entered its premises.

A source close to Ms. Hasina confirmed that before leaving the residence, she wanted to record a speech. But she could not get an opportunity to do that. She and her sister were taken to a motorcade and was told that a huge crowd had already gathered nearby and that they must not waste time.

Immediately, the security team took her to the Second World War-era airport at Old Tejgaon. She and her sister were brought to the airstrip and were airlifted in a Mi-17 helicopter. The helicopter arrived at Agartala from where they boarded the C-130, sources in the know confirmed. The BAF C130J first hovered over Kolkata and then made a dash towards the Hindon Air Force station, a source stated.

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India silent on situation; MEA holds meetings

NEW DELHI

Despite the arrival of outgoing Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in India, the Ministry of External Affairs made no statement about the situation in Bangladesh or on Ms. Hasina on Monday. Sources said that the MEA was engaged in a number of meetings within the government as well as with military officials as soon as news broke of Ms. Hasina's resignation. MEA officials declined to comment on whether she had requested asylum in India. » PAGE 11

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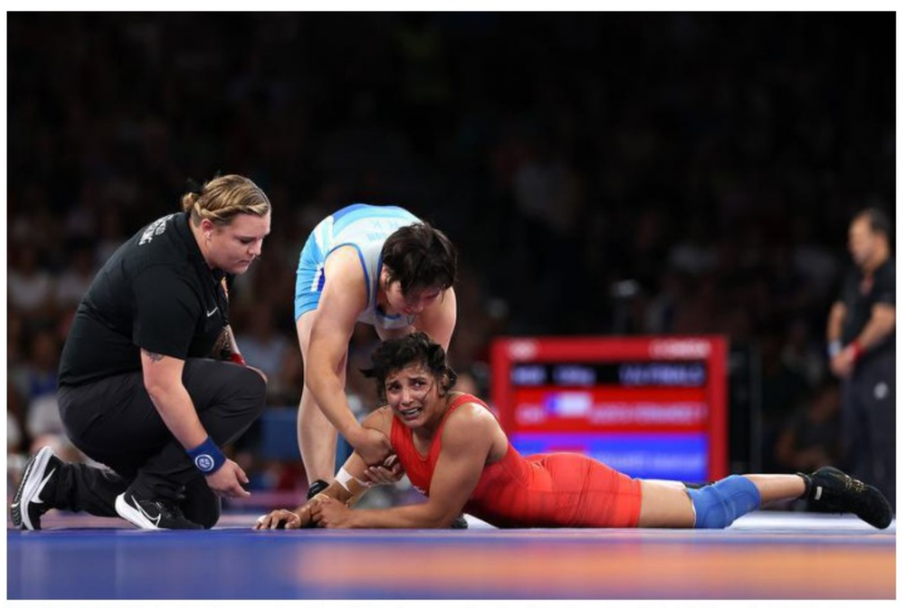

Tragic twist: Nisha Dahiya was leading 8-1 in her quarterfinal bout against North Korea's Pak Sol Gum before a dislocated shoulder shattered the Indian wrestler's hopes. GETTY IMAGES (FULL REPORT: PAGE 16)

L-G can nominate 10 aldermen to Delhi corporation, rules SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday held that the authority of the Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) of Delhi to nominate 10 persons with special knowledge of municipal administration to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi is a statutory duty attached to his office and he is not bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers.

The case was reserved for judgment by a Bench of Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Justices P.S. Narasimha and J.B. Pardiwala on May 17, 2023. Justice Narasimha authored the judgment for the Bench.

Vinai Kumar Saxena

The Bench held that the power of the L-G is drawn from Section 3(3)(b)(1) of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957. The Act, a parliamentary law, was amended in 1993 to vest the power to nominate 10 expert persons.

The Bench referred to a Constitution Bench judgment which had laid down that the executive power of the Delhi government would conform to a parliamentary law dealing with subjects in the State and Concurrent Lists of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.

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Railways to introduce cab pick-up points

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The Bengaluru Railway Division of South Western Railways will introduce designated parking spaces for app-based cab aggregators at Sir M.Visvesvaraya Terminal in Baiyappanahalli. » PAGE 3

Cabinet to discuss Kasturirangan panel report

BENGALURU

Forest and Environment Minister B. Eshwar Khandre said the decision on whether to implement the Centre's fresh draft notification on the Kasturirangan report would be taken only after discussion in the State Cabinet. » PAGE 4

Man held for molesting woman

BENGALURU

A woman waiting for a neighbour to join her on a morning walk was molested and assaulted by a man in Bengaluru on Saturday. The man was arrested on Monday. » PAGE 2

Fugitive 'baba' runs out of luck, lands in CBI net after 22 years

Chalapathi Rao, who allegedly defrauded the SBI of ₹50 lakh and lived across five States in various avatars, was arrested from T.N.'s Tirunelveli

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

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For 22 years, V. Chalapathi Rao had been living many lives. A former computer operator who allegedly defrauded the State Bank of India (SBI) of ₹50 lakh, Mr. Rao had lived across five States as a loan recovery agent, a school staff and a 'baba' (godman).

He would change his appearance, identity and location at will, throwing sleuths of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), in his hot pursuit, off the scent.

Mr. Rao also got his wife, an accomplice in the case, to file a missing person report and attempted to have him declared dead. But his luck ran out on Sunday when the CBI arrested him from Narsinganallur village in Tirunelveli of Tamil Nadu just when he was planning to escape to Sri Lanka through the sea.

On May 1, 2002, the CBI registered the case against Mr. Rao, the computer operator with the SBI's Chandulal Biradari branch in Hyderabad, on the charges that he had cheated the bank by using fake quotations of electronic shops and salary certificates in the names of his family members and close associates.

Based on the findings, the agency filed two chargesheets on December 31, 2004. However, by then, Mr. Rao had given the agency the slip. The CBI found that his wife had lodged a missing person report on July 10, 2004.

"She filed a petition in a civil court to get him declared dead on completion of seven years from the day he went missing. An order was passed by the court," said the agency.

By then, the CBI had learnt that he had been to Salem in Tamil Nadu where he had assumed a new identity, M. Vineet Kumar, and married another woman in 2007. He got an Aadhaar card and before the agency got a whiff of his whereabouts, he vanished. Through his second wife, the CBI found out that Mr. Rao was in touch with his son from his first marriage.

Mr. Rao was declared a proclaimed offender on April 18, 2013.

In 2014, he shifted to Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, where he worked as a loan recovery agent. He then travelled to Rudrapur in Uttarakhand, where he worked in a school.

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SIT files chargesheet in Valmiki corpn. case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the State police, which is probing the scam at the Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd. on Monday filed a chargesheet against 12 accused in the case.

Nagendra, Daddal not named

Significantly, former Scheduled Tribes Welfare Minister B. Nagendra, who resigned over allegations of his involvement in the irregularities and was arrested by the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) and Congress MLA Basanagouda Daddal, chairman of the corporation, have not been named in the chargesheet.

However, the SIT has chargesheeted two acquaintances of Mr. Nagendra.

The issue of the irregularities in the corporation partially dominated the recently concluded monsoon session of the State legislature. The Opposition alleged that the State government had been protecting Mr. Nagendra by not naming him in the first information report.

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How a resilient Dube revived his international career

The Mumbaikar was staring at a future of lumbering from IPL franchise to franchise, and not really setting the domestic stage alight, either; then, Chennai Super Kings happened — they gave him a stable position in the upper middle-order, infused in him the confidence and belief that he could destroy the best with his power and timing

R. Kaushik
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K.R. DEEPAK

"*Woh shot dekha*? Reminded you of Yuvi, didn't it?"

Ravi Shastri, then India's head coach, made this observation at Auckland's Eden Park on 26 January 2020, seconds after Shivam Dube had clubbed Tim Southee over long-on for the six that sealed victory in the second of five Twenty20 Internationals.

It was the left-handed Mumbaikar's 10th T20I; he had announced himself with an unbeaten 30-ball 54 just a month and a half previously, against West Indies in Thiruvananthapuram. Dube was 27 at the time, with a long future ahead of him in white-ball cricket owing to his propensity to hit the ball a long way and the rare tag of a potential all-rounder who could also bowl medium-pace.

Few knew at the time, not even the prescient Shastri, that following the end of that New Zealand series, Dube wouldn't play international cricket for three and a half years. The early promise was studiously ignored, the comparisons with 'Yuvi', aka Yuvraj Singh, quickly forgotten. Dube threatened to figure in the list of the could-have-beens, lumbering from IPL franchise to franchise and not really setting the domestic stage alight, either.

Turning point

Then, Chennai Super Kings happened. At the IPL mega auction in 2022, the multiple-times former champions dished out ₹4.40 crores for the man from Mumbai, who had moved from Royal Challengers Bangalore to Rajasthan Royals with limited success. The sceptics tut-tutted, amazed that CSK would invest so much in someone who had done so little. Hardly did they know that a turning of the corner was imminent.

Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Stephen Fleming assigned Dube a specific role - the takedown of spin in the middle overs. They gave him a stable position in the upper middle order, infused in him the confidence and belief that he could destroy the best with his power and timing. The backroom staff spent hours working on his mind, and even more hours getting his range-hitting prowess up and running.

The results were spectacular; Dube responded with 289 runs at an average of 28.90 and a strike-rate of 156.22. When he backed that up with 418 runs the following season at corresponding numbers of 38.00 and 158.33, it was impossible for the India selectors to keep looking beyond him.

Thus began Dube's second coming in international cricket, with a 'second' team against Ireland in Malahide in August 2023. A month and a half later, he was part of the gold medal-winning team at the Hangzhou Asian Games and while he hadn't had too many chances to showcase his ball-striking skills, combined returns of 47 runs (undefeated) in 35 balls in those two events since his comeback earned him a shot at Afghanistan at the start of this year.

Dube responded in spectacular style, backing up an unbeaten 60 in Mohali with 63 not out in Indore. Out of nowhere, he had stormed into contention for a place in the T20 World Cup in the Americas, locked in a battle for the middle-order slot/finisher's role with Rinku Singh, the exuberant youngster from Uttar Pradesh and Kolkata Knight Riders.

IPL 2024 wouldn't seal the deal, but it wouldn't hurt either. Dube made the most of getting enough opportunities to bat and reiterate his power-hitting, while Rinku was unfortunate that between Phil Salt, Sunil Narine and the two Iyers, skipper Shreyas and Venkatesh, hardly allowed him a look-in. That was that, Dube was on the flight to North America with Rinku in tow as one of the reserves.

The introduction of the Impact Player is one of the more divisive topics in IPL history. Originally designed to bolster bowling strengths and ensure that teams no longer had to patch together a makeshift fifth option, it has had the exact opposite effect, with batters emboldened to keep firing away even when early wickets have fallen in a clutch because of the insurance of an additional batting choice.

In many ways, as even Rohit Sharma has pointed out, it has stunted the growth of the Indian all-rounder. Where, in the past, a Venkatesh Iyer broke into the national team because he could also bowl medium-pace, there was no need for his bowling skills to be utilised anymore. Ditto for Dube; in IPL 2023, when the Impact Player concept first reared its head, he didn't bowl at all and last year, his appearance at the bowling crease was limited to six deliveries.

There is no Impact Player in international cricket, but that didn't prevent India from investing in Dube. After all, they did have Hardik Pandya, the premier pace-bowling all-rounder. Dube was picked as a pure batter, and he didn't disappoint at the World Cup, where he showcased another facet of his batting - the ability to bat according to the situation.

That was on a decidedly dodgy surface at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in New York, the home of incalculable surfaces during the World Cup. India was all but through to the Super Eights but woe betide the team if it lost to United States! The latter had already conquered Pakistan in the Super Over and was eyeing its second big scalp on the bounce, defending a meagre 110 for eight with a desperation that beggared belief.

Saurabh Netravalkar, formerly of Mumbai and India Under-19, packed off Rohit and Virat Kohli in his first spell, Pakistan-born Ali Khan accounted for Rishabh Pant. At 39 for three, India was in a pickle; 72 needed off 75 with seven wickets in hand might have appeared a walk in the park, but it was anything but. The ball did things as if it had a mind of its own, as if it enjoyed making the best look mediocre, as if there was a perverse pleasure to be had in driving batters ragged. Even Suryakumar Yadav, then the No. 1 T20I batter in the world, couldn't impose himself on the bowling.

Dube struggled for timing, but didn't throw it away. He bided his time, aware that India needed him to step up in Suryakumar's company. The big strokes were put away in cold storage, the ones and twos became the staple diet. By the end, the two Mumbaikars hauled the team home with ten deliveries to spare, Dube's contribution in the stand of 72 — a measured 31 off 35. One four, one six. Not just a six-hitter, but capable of batting at other gears too.

As the tournament moved solely to the Caribbean for the Super Eights, the pitches got better and the Dube of CSK fame resurfaced - 34 off 24 against Bangladesh, 28 off 22 against Australia and a vital 27 off 16 in the final against South Africa at a time when Kohli went without a boundary for 35 consecutive deliveries. Dube had done what he was picked for - not to score conservative half-centuries but to provide the final kick, the last push that could so often be the difference between victory and defeat.

K.R. DEEPAK

Further reward, apart from a World Cup winner's medal, came in the form of a recall to the One-Day International set-up, more than four and a half years after his only 50-over game for the country, against West Indies in December 2019. He made nine off six and went for 68 in his 7.5 overs at Chepauk, with West Indies cantering to an eight-wicket win.

Jettisoned after that misadventure, he is back in the 50-over mix in Sri Lanka. In Friday's first ODI, he picked up his maiden wicket, Kusal Mendis, trapped in front, and almost took India past the finish line with 25 off 24 after coming in at No. 8. Two nights later, promoted to No. 4, he was transfixed by a ripping leg-break from Jeffrey Vandersay, trapped in front as he played right back and missed the line. Hazy shades of Yuvi there too, Ravi?

Dube's reintegration with the one-day format must be construed as a middling long-term option, as an insurance for Pandya. Fitness concerns and workload management combined to ensure that India's T20 captaincy in the wake of Rohit's retirement was conferred on Suryakumar.

The CSK batter's return to the ODI landscape must also be viewed through the same prism. He will get his chances to prove his worth, but his permanence will largely depend on Pandya. In any case, until the start of the Champions Trophy in late February, India have just four more ODIs and it's anyone's guess which of Dube or Pandya will start its final assignment before that tournament, the three-match home series against England in February.

Dube is a seasoned 31 years old, but he has much work ahead of him, especially when it comes to his fielding and catching. He isn't the fastest mover on the park nor the most assured catcher, both red flags in modern-day cricket, whether at the international level or below that. Dube isn't naturally athletic and there's precious little that can be done about it at this stage of his career, where T20Is will still be his preferred cup of tea.

But if he is desirous of a longer innings in a longer format, the onus is on him to become a better fielding version of himself. He has shown the hunger and the desire with the bat; if he can translate that into other aspects of his cricket, he potentially still has another T20 World Cup (in 2026) in him. At the very least.

THE GIST

- At the IPL mega auction in 2022, Chennai Super Kings dished out ₹4.40 crores for the man from Mumbai, who had moved from Royal Challengers Bangalore to Rajasthan Royals with limited success
- As the T20 World Cup moved to the Carribbean for its later stages, the Dube of CSK fame resurfaced — 4 off 24 against Bangladesh, 28 off 22 against Australia and a vital 27 off 16 in the final
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Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore held 39th annual convocation 2024

Recently Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore, held its 39th annual convocation. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of the National Educational Technology Forum (NETF), National Board of Accreditation (NBA), Executive Committee-National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) were the Chief Guest. Mr. T.R. Parasuraman, Chairman, ASSOCHAM Karnataka State Development Council and Senior Executive Advisor, Toyota Industries Engine India Pvt. Ltd., was the guest of honour, Dr. G. Viswanathan, Founder & Chancellor, VIT presided over the convocation. In his convocation address, Prof. Anil D Sahasrabudhe exhorted young graduates to be constant learners and strive to improve their employability. Becoming multi-dimensional, acquiring skills and developing the right attitude would help in their career prospects and development. "Have a vision. There's no dearth of opportunities if you are a constant learner," he said and added that they should equip themselves to seize the opportunities as the country was inching towards becoming the third largest economy. Chairman, ASSOCHAM Karnataka state development council and senior executive advisor Toyota Industries Engines India Pvt Ltd, Mr. T. R. Parasuraman said there was no substitute for hard work and that one should learn from failures. VIT Founder and Chancellor Dr. G. Viswanathan underscored the role of educational institutions, government and private sector in further improving the education scenario. He highlighted the VIT's role in providing scholarships to the rural, poor and middle class sections in pursuing higher education. VIT VP s Mr. Sankar Viswanathan and Dr. G V Selvam and AVP Ms. Kadhambari S. Viswanathan also took part in the convocation ceremony. A total of 8,205 undergraduate and post-graduate students, and 357 Ph.D graduates were awarded degrees and gold medals were given to 65 candidates.

"Schools for Nation" program organised by Christ University, Bengaluru

The Department of Professional Studies at CHRIST University organized the "Schools for Nation" program on July 31, 2024, featuring Mr. Andrew Harding, Chief Executive of Management Accounting at the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants (AICPA & CIMA), and Mrs. Anitha Bijesh, Principal of Delhi Public School, South Bengaluru. Out of 18 schools in Bengaluru, Delhi Public School (South) was selected to pilot the "Schools for Nation" project, which aims to develop financial literacy as a life skill for school students. The highlight of the event was a keynote address by Mr. Harding, where he shared his expertise and insights on "Placing the Profession in a Position to Accelerate and Lead." This was followed by a panel discussion on "Career Advancements in the Field of CIMA and Its Relevance in the BANI World," moderated by Dr. Biju Toms, Director of the School of Commerce, Finance, and Accountancy.

Presidency University, Bengaluru hosts 'Achievers Dialogues 2024-Bengaluru Edition'

Presidency University Bengaluru hosted a mega event titled 'Achievers Dialogues 2024'. The event organised by British Council in India and National Indian Students Alumni Union UK (NISAU) was a grand success with more than 30 top global universities participating including King's College London,Imperial College London &Durham University. This event was attended by students from all colleges of Bengaluru, as it provided an excellent opportunity to the students to explore chances of studying and working in UK. The event was graced by top thinkers and changemakers from

the world of academics. To motivate the students to achieve their dreams 'Achievers Dialogues' was graced by famous Tamil, Telugu, Malayam and Hindi film actress Aditi Rao Hydari,who spoke about success,failures and criticism .She told the students to chase their dreams and become achievers in whatever field they chose,by never giving up. The Chairman of Presidency Group of Institutions, Dr.Nissar Ahmed, Vice President Mr. Salman Ahmed and Vice Chancellor of Presidency University Dr.Anubha Singh were personally welcomed the dignitaries and ensured that 'Achievers Dialogues-Bengaluru Edition's becomes a memorable event."

BMS College of Architecture, Bengaluru announces Ranks & Gold Medal in 2024/2023

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Mr. Rohith Ali M., Aged about 23 Years, S/o. Mr. Ishrath Ali, M., Fxnco1@ yahoo.co.in
Phone No. 8041216669/
...Plaintiff
Versus :
Mr. Vinesh Kumar S.
...Defendant

Summons/
Notice through Paper Publication
Application U/o 5, Rule 20(1)(A) R/W 151 CPC

Mr. Vinesh Kumar S,
S/o. Mr. Shashi Kumar
Aged about 30 years
29, First Floor, 2S 7th A Cross, Chocolate Factory Road, Thavarekere,
BTM 1st Stage, Near Bus Stop, Bangalore-560029.

WHEREAS, The above named Plaintiff has instituted a case against you for recovery loan amount Rs. 5,83,818.27 (Rupees Five Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighteen Point Two and Paisa Twenty Seven only) together with interest at the 15.50% p.a., from date of due till the date of realization. NP You are hereby summoned to appear before O.S. No. 25129/2022 in Hon'ble Addl City Civil and Session Judge, Mayohall, (CCH-58), At Bangalore, Court in person or by an advocate / pleader on 12/09/2024 at 11.00 A.M. to answer the question of the same. Faling which the matter will be heard and determined as "EX-PARTE".

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 3rd day of August, 2024.

By the order of court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Mayo Hall,
BENGALURU- 560001

Advocate for plaintiff
FX & CO.,
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E-TENDER NOTICE

P2/129/2024-25 06.08.2024

E-tenders are invited from eligible bidders for the Supply of following Lab Equipments
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TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited for the supply of **I) Raw materials and II) Containers & Packing Materials** for the period **1st October 2024 to 31st March 2025.** Tenders can be downloaded from the website **www.oushadhitender.com.** For more details, please visit our website **www.oushadhi.org** or contact our Purchase Division at Kuttanellur. (Sd/-)
Thrissur Managing Director

Cab driver arrested for molesting woman who was out for morning walk

He used to pick up and drop corporate employees. While on his way to pick up customers, he noticed the victim moving alone and attacked her, the police say

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A woman waiting for a neighbour to join her on a morning walk was molested and assaulted by a man in Konanakunte police station limits in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The incident was caught on the CCTV camera of a house on the road. The one-minute-long clip went viral on social media on Sunday, drawing much ire.

The man was arrested on Monday.

Analysing CCTV footage from several cameras in the area, the police zeroed in on Suresh, 25, a cab driver and a resident of Kothanur Dinne, a nearby area.

Suresh

The face of the attacker was visible in the footage. His interrogation revealed that Suresh used to pick up and drop corporate employees. He was on his way to pick up customers when the accused noticed the victim moving alone and attacked her, the police said. He has been booked under Sections 74 (assault or use of criminal force on woman with intent to outrage her modesty) and 75 (sexual harassment) of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita 2023.

CCTV camera footage shows a man approaching her from behind, catching her unawares.

He molests her. She can be seen trying to free herself from his grip, screaming for help. On freeing herself, she runs away from him.

Soon, dogs can be heard barking. He chases the woman, grabs her and tries to silence her screams for help. But, as she fights back and her cries for help grow louder, the man flees from the spot.

Suspended

The city police chief has suspended three officials – an assistant sub-inspector and two constables posted with Konanakunte station – for dereliction of duty.

The victim's family approached the Konanakunte police on Saturday following the incident. An ASI who was on duty visited the spot and advised the victim to file a complaint for further action.

However, he neither followed it up nor brought it to the notice of the higher-ups, who came to know of the incident only after the CCTV footage went viral on social media, police said.

CCB police inspector found dead

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

An inspector with the Central Crime Branch (CCB), Bengaluru City Police, was found dead in a deserted wooded area in Bidadi near Bengaluru on Monday.

The deceased, Thimme Gowda, 44, was working with the Economic Offences Wing of the CCB. He had been posted to the CCB less than a month ago.

Before this, he headed the Kumbalgodu Police Station in Ramanagara.

Passers-by noticed the body in a wooded area in Bidadi in the morning hours.

Karthik Reddy, Superintendent of Police of Ramanagara district, rushed to the spot.

The police have booked a case of unnatural death and investigation is under way to ascertain what led him to take the extreme step.

Thimme Gowda, an inspector with the CCB, Bengaluru City Police, was found dead at Bidadi on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Case pending

Thimme Gowda had a rape case pending against him, over alleged sexual assault and cheating a police constable in Hassan. He allegedly refused to marry her after having a physical relationship.

Based on a complaint by a constable, Hassan Police had booked him for cheating and criminal intimidation dated back to 2019. However, the local court had in 2021 invoked Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code for rape and put the case to trial. Thimmegowda lost an appeal in the High Court against this order, sources said. The recent hearing of the case was on July 20, and the case was posted for arguments on August 31, later this month. This may have pushed him to take the extreme step, police sources said. Thimme Gowda was heading Attibele Police Station when a fire accident in a cracker shop and godown led to the death of 16 people in his jurisdiction in October 2023. He was suspended for dereliction of duty then as well, police sources said.

Second death

The CCB inspector ending his life comes three days after Sub-Inspector Parashuram of Yadgir district was found dead under mysterious circumstances. Acting on a complaint by his wife, the Yadgir police have registered a case against Chennareddy Patil Tunnur, local Congress MLA, and his son Pampana Gouda for abetment of suicide. The wife has accused the MLA and his son of demanding ₹30 lakh for cancellation of the transfer of the deceased. The case has been handed over to the CID.

(Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies can contact Arogya Sahayavani Ph: 104 for help)

NAAC to relax norms for educational institutions in rural and remote areas

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) that decided to launch the new Binary Accreditation system, breaking away from grades and instead scoring educational institutes from September 2024, has decided to relax norms for institutions from rural and remote areas mainly to encourage them to come forward and get accredited.

Addressing the media on Monday, in Bengaluru, Prof. Ganesan Kannabiran, Director, NAAC, said that while more than 50% of higher education institutions in the country were located in rural and remote areas, most of them have not applied for accreditation so far.

"So these institutions will be given special consideration in the metrics used during the accreditation under the new binary accreditation system," he said.

"There will not be much differences in the criteria for urban and rural colleges, but the threshold level will be different. Understanding the challenges institutions in rural areas face, we have organised a workshop for the representatives from the colleges located in rural and remote areas across the country," he said.

"Fees under the new binary accreditation system will be reduced by 50% compared to the existing fees. There will be a little more reduction for institutions from rural and remote areas. We are also planning to moot a mentor system to help these institutions," he explained.

Construction workers' federation protests slashing of scholarship

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers' Federation on Monday held a protest at Freedom Park in Bengaluru against the government's move to slash scholarship to construction workers' children.

The distribution of student scholarships to the children of construction workers by the Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board has sparked controversy, as the board has reduced the scholarship amount by approximately 75% in many instances, *The Hindu* had earlier reported.

Members of various Construction Workers' Associations staging a protest at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Monday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The workers' union has strongly protested the decision, but the State government maintains that the reduction aligns with the scholarships provided by other government departments. "The revision has been both unilateral and arbitrary. This is the first significant reduction in scholarship amounts since 2007, a year from when the amounts were consistently increased," a release from the union stated.

The State govt. maintains that the reduction aligns with scholarships provided by other departments

NIA reconstructs crime scene at The Rameshwaram Cafe with alleged bomber

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Sleuths of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) reconstructed the crime scene with the alleged bomber at The Rameshwaram Cafe in Bengaluru, where a low-intensity IED blast left nine injured on March 1, 2024.

On Monday, NIA sleuths brought the alleged bomber Mussavir Hussain Shazib to the cafe amidst tight security. He was made to wear a dress similar to the one he was seen wearing when he allegedly placed the IED near the handwash and left. In the original CCTV footage from the cafe, the man's face has been obscured by a face mask and a cap.

The suspect was made to wear a cap and a face mask during the reconstruction. This reconstruction of the crime was recorded on video by the sleuths. The video recording of the reconstruction and the original CCTV footage will be submitted for forensic analysis for a gait analysis of the persons in the two videos to check whether the persons in the two videos were the same, sources said. A positive match will give the NIA forensic evidence that the bomber was indeed Mussavir Hussain Shazib.

A similar procedure and gait analysis was used to forensically confirm the identity of the person who killed editor-activist Gauri Lankesh, killed in Bengaluru on September 5, 2017.

The accused in Rameshwaram cafe blast case brought to the spot for investigation in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Security agencies have found a cap that was allegedly worn by the man who placed the bomb, around 3 km away from the cafe, where he reportedly changed his clothes. NIA has hair samples from the cap that are being matched with that of Mussavir Hussain through a DNA test.

The NIA had identified the alleged bomber as Mussavir Hussain, a terror accused on the run, based on CCTV footage from a bus stand where he had removed the face mask. After chasing the suspect over a month, NIA had arrested him and his associate Abdul Matheen Taaha from their hideout near Kolkata on April 12, 2024. The duo allegedly set up the Thirthahalli terror module that was involved in multiple terror cases in Karnataka.

The module was behind the 2022 Mangaluru cooker blast case as well, apart from a terror graffiti case in Mangaluru and a trial blast in Shivamogga. The duo were suspects in the Al Hind terror module case of 2020 where radicalised persons from Bengaluru and Tamil Nadu were trying to establish an IS-like insurgency from the jungles of south India.

THE HINDU GROUP

THE HINDU AT THE GAMES PHOTO CONTEST

Turn to the sports pages to participate in today's quiz

CHANGE OF NAME

WE, Anantha Narayan & Aparna Chandrasekar R/a. A412, Aspen woods, Doddakammanahalli main road, Bengaluru-560076. We have included the surname **ANANTHA NARAYAN** to our minor son's name **AARUDHRAN**. He will be called as **AARUDHRAN ANANTHA NARAYAN.** Vide affidavit

SWORN BEFORE Notary: Sumithra N.

Place: Bangalore | Date: 05/08/2024

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE No: SWRTMYPRWT 2023245WT04 Dt.31.07.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Item of work	Approx. value
Overhauling of Tamping Units of CSM 09-3X Machines under Track machine organization of South Western Railway	Rs.2,51,40,000/-

Last date of submission of bid for tender : **Upto 11:00 Hours on 30.08.2024**

For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Executive Engineer / Track Machines Bengaluru

PUB/319/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25

South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Sri. R.H. VIKRAM** (Aadhar No. XXXX XXXX 5296), S/o. late. Sri. Rangaiah Hanumanthaiah, aged about 57 years, residing at No. 206, P and E Block, Magan Silver Hills, 1st Main Road, Naidu Layout, Chikkallsandra, Subramanyapura post, Bengaluru. Anybody has got any sort of right, claim, interest over the schedule property or having any sort of objection for the said transaction shall approach the under mentioned Advocate within **7 days** from this day with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed further in accordance with the terms of the agreement considering there is no objection to the said sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the vacant Property bearing Potion of Converted land bearing Old Sy No. 24/16, New Sy No. 82/1,(Duly converted from agricultural to Non- Agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion order No. ALN. 18/36-37, dated 03/05/1936, issued by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore) Situated at **Chikkallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** property coming under the purview of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, having B khata register Form No. 1311/24/16/82/1 and Measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South (184.0+187.01/2 feet and in all measuring 7420 Sq. ft.

AND BOUNDED ON :

East by : Sy No. 82/2 and 82/5, West by : Remaining property in same Sy No. 82/1, North by : Sy No. 84, South by : Road.

N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate
48/1, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Opp: Canara Bank, Vallabha Nagar, Uttarahalli Main Road, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-61.
Ph No. 9343094442, 080-41628629

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-(IREPS) TENDER NOTICE NO. 21 UBL 2024-25 Date: 31.07.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of President of India invites E-tenders (IREPS) for the following works.

SN	Name of work	Approx. value
1	Hubballi Division: ADEN/Central jurisdiction - Annigere (Exel) - Gadag (Exel) - Badami (Incl) (Zone- 4A).	Rs. 38,96,396.00
2	Hubballi Division: Miscellaneous Maintenance activities for Residential buildings, service buildings, water supply network, road and drainage under ADEN/Belagavi section. (Special work-5).	Rs. 1,91,06,882.00
3	Hubballi Division: Miscellaneous Maintenance activities-for Residential, buildings, service buildings, water supply network, road and drainage brightening / painting of service building and staff quarters under ADEN/ Castle Rock section. (Special work-6).	Rs. 2,13,72,635.00
4	Hubballi Division: Improvement to door, windows, flooring, plinth protection, sanitation in staff quarters and drainage, water supply pipe line works, colony Roads in ADEN/ Belagavi Jurisdiction.	Rs. 1,86,84,532.00

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 29.08.2024**

For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination Hubballi

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South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

BUSINESS CONNECT — A Business Initiative

'MIA By Tanishq partners with Indian Para Archer Sheetal Devi in a heartwarming campaign celebrating her Khel

Mia by Tanishq, one of India's trendiest precious fine jewellery brands, unveils its latest campaign titled "Dekhna Hai Toh Khel Dekho." This inspiring campaign features the exceptionally talented Arjuna awardee and World's no. 1 female para-archer, Sheetal Devi, highlighting her unmatched skills, indomitable spirit, and passion for her sport. Through her powerful perspective, Mia aims to inspire everyone to recognize their own capabilities, pursue their passions with pride, and showcase their strengths, letting the star within shine bright. Mia's culture code has led the brand to craft stories and diverse narratives featuring unconventional and real women in their campaigns in all fields. The latest campaign featuring Sheetal Devi reinforces the brand's commitment to celebrating diverse talents and stories by being the first jewellery brand collaborating with a para-athlete. In this heart-warming campaign, Mia poignantly portrays Sheetal Devi's journey and the film then highlights her exceptional talent in archery, urging viewers to focus on her skills and her game. Commenting on the partnership, Ms. Shyamala Ramanan, Business Head, Mia by Tanishq, said: "It is a moment of pride to have Sheetal Devi on board. Speaking about the campaign, Mr George Kovoor, Chief Creative Officer, South, Famous Innovations said, "Sheetal Devi has an amazing story. She is the World's first female armless archer and. She is the perfect embodiment for everything a brand like Mia stands for. Born with the heritage and the legacy of Tanishq, Mia is a brand of bold, modern, and chic jewellery. For the young and at the young at heart and the stylish, Mia crafts gold jewellery in designs that are unique, minimal and extremely versatile. Featuring a wide range, the collections from Mia are designed to style one for every moment and every occasion effortlessly. Mia is a network of 200+ exclusive stores and present in leading Tanishq stores across 75 cities within India. Their store at the Burjuman Centre in Dubai marks the launch of Mia's international presence. Delightful designs from Mia are also available through their home page https://www.miabytanishq.com/

Rare Kidney Transplant performed at NU Hospitals - First ABO-Incompatible Kidney Transplant in Malnad Region

NU Hospitals Shivamogga is proud to announce a ground-breaking medical achievement with the successful completion of the first ABO-incompatible kidney transplant in the Malnad region. This extraordinary procedure involved a 65-year-old grandmother donating her kidney to her 21-year-old granddaughter, marking a significant milestone in the hospital's commitment to innovative nephrology and transplant services. This is a challenging procedure as in an ABO incompatible kidney transplant, donor's blood type and recipient's blood type aren't compatible and yet NU Hospital doctors achieved this

breakthrough. Under the expert guidance of Dr. Pradeepa, Transplant Surgeon, Dr. Praveen Malavade, Nephrologist, Transplant Physician, and Associate Medical Director, and supported by Dr. Karthik and Dr. Anusha, Anaesthetists, the complex transplant procedure was meticulously planned and executed. The surgery was a resounding success, with the granddaughter receiving her grandmother's kidney and achieving excellent graft function. Dr. Praveen Malavade said, "This case demonstrates the remarkable advancements in transplant medicine and the power of familial love. Our team's dedication and expertise enabled us to overcome the challenges of ABO incompatibility, providing a life-saving solution for our patient." NU Hospitals Shivamogga remains committed to providing exceptional care and innovative medical solutions to improve the lives of patients and their families. The NU Hospitals Shivamogga is a leader in Renal Care and Transplant Services.

Sony India's revolutionary BRAVIA 7 Mini LED series at Adishwar

SONY Launches 75 Inches BRAVIA 7 XR Mini LED TV with XR processor at ADISHWAR KATHRIGUPPAY in support with MD Mr Paras Jain and Director Mr Nirmal Jain TV is been launch by Adishwar privileged customers. Sony Branch Head Mr Abjith M D , Adishwar Operation Head Mr RAJASHEKHAR Sales head Mr Ravinandan BSM Mr Dayanand and Sony ASM Mr Ennguna Pandian along with Entire Sony staff. Recently Sony India announced the launch of the new BRAVIA 7 series, offering an unparalleled viewing and audio experience with its advanced features and cutting-edge technology. The series further enhances the sense of reality in cinematic content and delivers outstanding picture and sound quality at home, allowing viewers to enjoy films with much of the same magic as the big screen. Check out at Adishwar.

Gene that helps race horses manage BP could help human athletes, too

In June, researchers from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala reported discovering a DNA sequence in horses that underlies superior racing performance. The sequence influenced levels of two proteins involved in regulating blood pressure

D.P. Kasbekar

The gene, associated with superior racing performance, had 5,564 base-pairs. It differed from the 'non-enhanced' version by virtue of possessing different base-pair combinations in 14 positions on the DNA ladder. AP

Humans have entertained themselves with horse racing for hundreds of years. Even so, who would have guessed that some day the sport might help us understand how our blood pressure is regulated during exercise?

On June 17, researchers from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala reported discovering a DNA sequence in horses that underlies superior racing performance. The sequence influenced the levels of two proteins involved in regulating blood pressure. Their results were published in the journal *PLoS Genetics*.

"By shedding light on the intricate mechanisms governing blood pressure modulation, the findings hold promise for advancing our understanding of cardiovascular health and disease," the researchers wrote in their paper. They added that the implications also encompass "a myriad ... physiological processes influenced by hormone signalling".

Six years ago, the researchers reported that horses with the genomic region ran faster. But at the time, they couldn't link the region to any underlying physiological trait. This has changed now.

Cold- and hot-blooded equines

The North Swedish draught horse is a sturdy breed that people in the Nordic region use for farm and forestry work. It is "cold-blooded", in this context, meaning a large, heavy horse with an easy-going temperament. Faster, lighter, more energetic, and temperamentally more skittish horses are said to be "hot-blooded". (The actual body temperature of all horses is 37.5–38.5 degrees C.)

By the early 1800s, people began to use the North Swedish horse in harness races, where the horse pulls a two-wheeled cart with a seat for the jockey. At first they used the farm horses, but inevitably, to gain a leg up, breeders began illegally crossbreeding the North Swedish horse with a hot-blooded American harness-racing breed called the standardbred.

Faced with this *fait accompli*, racing authorities divided the North Swedish into two new breeds: the North Swedish draught horse for farm work and the cold-blooded trotter for racing. Cold-blooded trotters share much of their genome with the North Swedish draught horse, but they also contain segments from the standardbred that enhance their racing ability.

The promoter and the enhancer

The horse genome has 32 chromosomes. Each chromosome is defined by a DNA molecule that runs throughout its length. Chromosomal proteins and RNA organise the DNA and regulate its expression.

Different cell types have different chromosomal proteins and RNA, but their DNA content remains constant. Each horse cell, like each human cell, contains two sets of the genome distributed in 64 chromosomes. One set is inherited from the father's sperm, and the other from the mother's egg.

The DNA molecule is like a ladder whose rails are made of a long series of alternating units of phosphate and deoxyribose (a sugar). Each deoxyribose unit is bonded to one of four chemical bases: adenosine (A), cytosine (C), guanine (G), and thymine (T). The As and Cs on one sugar-phosphate rail form hydrogen bonds with the Ts and Gs on the other, making up the DNA ladder's rungs. The A-T and G-C base-pairs hold the two strands together as one large molecule.

In this way, each set of 32 chromosomes contains a little less than 3 billion base-pairs and code for just over 20,000 genes. Different horse breeds share much the same DNA sequence – just that about one in every few hundred base-pairs is different, giving rise to the breed's variations.

A gene is a stretch of a few thousand base-pairs. A cell 'reads' this sequence as an instruction to make a specific protein. Next to the protein-coding sequence is another sequence called the promoter. The promoter allows the cell to express the relevant gene. Other sequences called enhancers, located tens to thousands of base-pairs away from the gene, influence the activity of nearby promoters.

These promoter-enhancer interactions influence gene expression in different types of cells.

The prize-money enhancer

The Swedish Trotting Association has recorded data about the racing performance of all competing horses, including the prize money earned per race. The researchers collected DNA from blood and hair samples of 400 cold-blooded trotters that ran races between 2003 and 2015. In these DNA, they identified genes that both the cold-blooded trotters and the standardbreds shared but which trotters and draught horses didn't.

Next, by examining the racing performance data, they found that trotters that had a sequence derived from

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standardbred horses on one or both copies of one chromosome performed much better in races and won more money.

This gene, associated with superior racing performance, had 5,564 base-pairs. It was different from the 'non-enhanced' version by virtue of possessing different base-pair combinations in 14 positions on the DNA ladder.

When two DNA sequences are mostly identical and only a few base-pairs differ, the alternative versions are called haplotypes. Haplotypes are defined by listing the bases differing on one DNA strand. The 'élite' and the 'sub-élite' haplotypes were respectively called EPH and SPH.

Effects on blood pressure genes

Trotters with the EPH haplotype had significantly lower blood pressure during and after exercise than trotters with the SPH haplotype. There was no difference before exercise, which suggested to the researchers that the EPH's blood pressure regulation was related to exercise.

They also found the EPH haplotype decreased the levels of endothelin1 (EDN1) and increased the levels of endothelin3 (EDN3) – two proteins involved in regulating blood pressure – in the blood.

The EPH/SPH gene was located around 50,000 base-pairs away from the gene that made the EDN3 protein, so the researchers surmised the haplotype served as an enhancer.

That is, if the EPH and the SPH haplotypes enhanced the expression of the EDN3 expression in different ways, they could result in different blood pressure regulation pathways, leading to the differences in racing performance.

Taking the rough with the smooth

The researchers found the EPH/SPH haplotype gene was located in chromosome 22 in horse cells and in chromosome 20 in human cells. They conducted an experiment using human heart tissue to identify the promoters that interacted with the corresponding human sequence.

They found all the promoters that interacted with this sequence belonged to known blood pressure genes. Some of the proteins encoded by these genes also interacted with the EDN3 gene. Thus, the researchers were able to confirm the human counterpart of the horses' "racing" gene had a role in regulating blood pressure.

"These results are key to understanding the biological mechanisms behind blood pressure regulation in both human and horse elite athletic performance," the researchers wrote in their paper.

Had the Nordic breeders been more scrupulous, they may not have allowed the EPH haplotype to be smuggled into the cold-blooded trotter's genome. Had the race stewards been less scrupulous, corrupt practices such as doping or throwing the race might have made it harder to detect the superior performance because of EPH in the racing data. In this instance, the combination of human foibles and rectitude was just right.

(D. P. Kasbekar is a retired scientist.)

The face of the "Screaming Woman" mummy, discovered in 1935 at Deir Elbahari near Luxor and dating to about 1500 BC during ancient Egypt's New Kingdom period, at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo. REUTERS

'Screaming' mummy woman may have died in agony

Reuters

It is a startling image from ancient Egypt: a mummy discovered during a 1935 archaeological expedition at Deir el-Bahari near Luxor of a woman with her mouth wide open in what looks like an anguished shriek.

Scientists now have an explanation for the "Screaming Woman" mummy after using CT scans to perform a "virtual dissection." It turns out she may have died in agony and experienced a rare form of muscular stiffening, called a cadaveric spasm, that occurs at the moment of death.

The examination indicated that the woman was about 48 years old when she died, had lived with mild arthritis of the spine, and had lost some teeth, said Cairo University radiology professor Sahar Saleem, who led the study published on Friday in the journal Frontiers in Medicine.

Her body was well preserved, having been embalmed roughly 3,500 years ago during ancient Egypt's glittering New Kingdom period using costly imported ingredients such as juniper oil and frankincense resin, Ms. Saleem added.

The ancient Egyptians viewed the preservation of the body after death as crucial to securing a worthy existence in the afterlife. It was customary during the mummification process to remove internal organs aside from the heart, but

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this had not occurred with this woman.

But the quality of the embalmment ingredients "ruled out that the mummification process had been careless and that the embalmers had simply neglected to close her mouth. In fact, they mummified her well and gave her expensive funerary apparel: two expensive rings made of gold and silver and a long-haired wig made from fibres from the date palm," Ms. Saleem added.

"This opened the way to other explanations for the widely opened mouth, that the woman died screaming from agony or pain, and that the muscles of the face contracted to preserve this appearance at the time of death due to cadaveric spasm," Ms. Saleem said. "The true history or circumstances of the death of this woman are unknown; hence, the cause of her screaming facial appearance cannot be established with certainty."

Cadaveric spasm, a poorly understood condition, occurs after severe physical or emotional suffering, with the contracted muscles becoming rigid immediately following death, Ms. Saleem said.

"Unlike postmortem rigor mortis, cadaveric spasm affects only one group of muscles, not the entire body," Ms. Saleem added.

Ms. Saleem was unable to determine how the woman died, saying, "We frequently cannot determine the cause of death in a mummy unless there is CT evidence of fatal trauma."

The "Screaming Woman" was found at the site of the ancient city of Thebes during excavation of the tomb of a high-ranking official named Senmut, the architect, overseer of royal works, and reputed lover of queen Hatshepsut, who reigned from 1479-1458 BC.

Please send in your answers to science@thehindu.co.in

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

The global effort to stop proliferation

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1
'Proliferation' is the term used to describe a condition in which countries that aren't recognised as 'Nuclear Weapon States' by the X treaty acquire nuclear weapons. Name X.

QUESTION 2
Name the U.S. representative to the U.N. Atomic Energy Commission who in 1946 floated a plan proposing to destroy the U.S. nuclear arsenal if the world's countries set up an "international atomic development authority" and a system to automatically sanction countries that tried to develop new nuclear weapons.

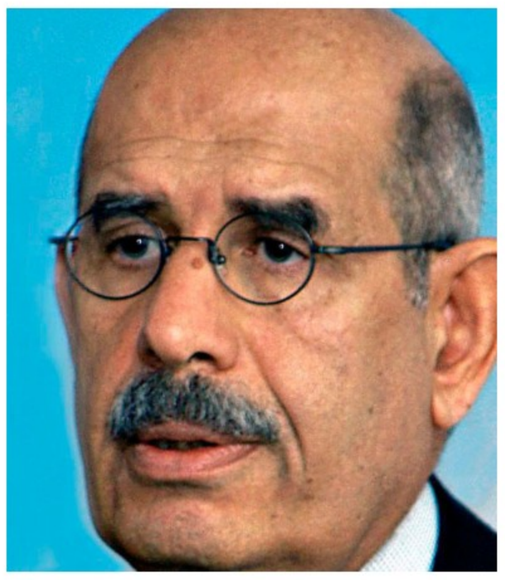
QUESTION 3
Name the three countries that are considered "threshold" states under the X treaty (in Q1) because they aren't part of this treaty but either have or are strongly believed to have the ability to quickly assemble and deploy nuclear weapons.

QUESTION 4
A thorny issue in safeguarding materials nuclear to make atomic weapons is ____-___ technologies, which are technologies that can be used for both civilian and military ends. Fill in the blanks.

QUESTION 5
Name the 1967 treaty that prohibits countries from placing nuclear weapons in orbit around the earth.

Answers to August 1 quiz:
1. Swedish chemist who discovered oxygen a year before Priestley – **Ans: Carl Wilhelm Scheele**
2. French nobleman who coined oxygen's name – **Ans: Antoine Lavoisier**
3. English chemist who identified the part of air required for combustion – **Ans: John Mayow**
4. Son of British psychologist noted for his studies of gases – **Ans: J.B.S. Haldane**
5. What oxygen becomes at more than 50 kPa to humans – **Ans: Toxic**
Visual: **Apollo 1**
First contact: Pranesh R. | Seema Das | Sadhan Panda | Shreya Arora | Anmol Agrawal

Answers to August 2 quiz:
1. Enzyme responsible for metabolising alcohol – **Ans: Alcohol dehydrogenase**
2. Adaptation in human foot for leverage and absorbing shocks – **Ans: Longitudinal arch**
3. Gene that allowed Europeans to have lighter skin – **Ans: SLC24A5**
4. Sweat gland that helps with thermoregulation – **Ans: Eccrine gland**
5. Adaptation that stores large amount of fat in the body – **Ans: Thrifty gene hypothesis**
Visual: **Palmaris longus**
First contact: K.N. Viswanathan | Seema Das | Shreya Arora | Anmol Agrawal | Subhadip Paria



Visual: In 2005, this man and an autonomous U.N. body, which he was then director-general of, called Y, jointly won the Nobel Peace Prize for their "efforts to prevent nuclear energy from being used for military purposes." Name him and Y. PUBLIC DOMAIN

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Railways to introduce cab pick-up points at SMVT

According to officials, such designated points will now be established, with the contract awarded to a Mumbai-based firm. The new system is expected to be implemented soon

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The Railways has allocated a 120-square-foot space on the Banaswadi side entrance of the SMVT station where cabs can pick up or drop passengers. FILE PHOTO

For the first time, the Bengaluru Railway Division of South Western Railways (SWR) will introduce designated parking spaces for app-based cab aggregators at Sir M.Visvesvaraya Terminal (SMVT) in Baiyappanahalli. These spaces will serve as convenient pick-up points for passengers arriving at the railway station.

The terminal, renovated and opened in 2022 at a cost of ₹314 crore, features state-of-the-art facilities comparable to those found at airports. The terminal re-imagines a railway station as a hub for both transport and commerce, aiming to enhance the customer experience. However, it lacked designated pick-up points for app-based aggregator cabs. According to officials, designated pick-up points will now be established, with the contract awarded to a Mumbai-based firm. The new system is expected to be implemented soon this month.

A senior official said the contract had been awarded for three years at SMVT. "The company awarded the contract will manage and provide the designated space at the station for app-based cab aggregators. Passengers who book a cab through their app will be able to proceed directly to this designated area and easily board their cab," the official added.

The railways have allocated a 120-square-foot space on the Banaswadi side entrance of the SMVT station where cabs can routinely come and pick up or drop and leave. The current area outside the station is unsuitable due to a lack of control over vehicles, leading to chaos with autos, private vehicles, and cabs who come to pick up and drop, creating congestion and traffic issues. To address this, the railway official said they have decided to designate a specific area for cab pick-up and drop-off, aiming to manage the process systematically. Currently, the terminal provides parking for 250 four-wheelers, 900 two-wheelers, 50 autorickshaws, and 20 cabs.

Seven locations identified for proposed second airport

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Minister for Infrastructure and Industries M.B. Patil and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at a meeting regarding the proposed second airport in Bengaluru on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Minister for Infrastructure and Industries M.B. Patil on Monday said that seven locations have been identified for the proposed second airport in Bengaluru.

He also said that a meeting would be held on Tuesday, with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to discuss an application that would be submitted to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for developing the second airport.

Speaking to presspersons, Mr. Patil mentioned that meetings were held with IDeCK [Infrastructure Development Corporation (Karnataka) Limited] and BCG. Initially, IDeCK had identified nine potential sites, but two were later removed from the list due to non-feasibility, the Minister said.

BCG representatives also shared their experience with building the airport in Navi Mumbai. Visual presentations prepared by both entities were reviewed during the meeting.

The potential sites identified include Kanakapura Road, Mysuru Road, Magadi, Doddaballapur, Dobbspet, and Tumakuru. About 4,500 acres would be required for the proposed airport, sources said.

The Kempe Gowda International Airport Limited (KIAL), Bengaluru has stipulated that no new international airport should be built within a 150 km radius until 2033. The planning and development process now could see the new airport ready by 2033, in alignment with these stipulations.

"We will submit the application to AAI, detailing all seven identified locations. AAI officials will then visit the sites to assess feasibility. The final decision will be based on factors such as passenger density, connectivity, industrial growth, cargo potential, and environmental considerations like the presence of rivers, hills, and biodiversity," Mr. Patil noted.

The Minister emphasised that the decision on the location of the second airport will not be based on political considerations. It will be guided by approximately 15 parameters set by the AAI, as well as the overall development of Karnataka, including Bengaluru.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also holds the Bengaluru City Development portfolio, stated that Mr. Patil has already held several rounds of meetings with various stakeholders regarding the construction of the second airport for Bengaluru. The government aimed to complete the second airport by 2033, he added.

Shashikiran Shetty, Advocate-General, officials of the Finance Department, Urban Development Department, and Infrastructure Development attended the meeting.

Conference on human-elephant conflict management on August 12

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BENGALURU

Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre and Forest Department officials releasing brochures at a press conference in Bengaluru on Monday. K. MURALI KUMAR

On the occasion of World Elephant Day, the Karnataka Forest Department will organise an International Conference on Human-Elephant Conflict Management-2024 on August 12 in Bengaluru.

Primary goal

Forest and Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre said the primary goal is to foster knowledge-sharing and cross-learning opportunities, advocating evidence-based and inclusive approaches to cultivate coexistence between humans and elephants.

He said that over 17 representatives from 11 countries, including U.S., Germany, Japan, U.K., and Switzerland, and 660 representatives from various States across India will participate. Mr. Khandre said that five key themes have been identified for the conference, which include understanding and addressing the drivers of human-elephant conflict, cross-sectoral collaboration and community participation in human elephant conflict management, leveraging technology for conflict mitigation and co-existence, safe handling protocols for humans and elephants during conflict, and role of effective communication in human-elephant conflict management.

He added that the best practices that are being followed by foreign countries and different States to address human-elephant conflict would be studied and adopted.

State ranks first

With 6,395 elephants, Karnataka ranks first in the country in terms of the total number of elephants, he said.

"On an average, 30 people are killed in elephant attacks every year in the State. In 2024, 25 people have lost their lives," he said. He added that between 2009 and 2023, 1,381 elephants have died unnaturally in the country. "Around 287 elephants have died in the State in the last three years. Of these, 30 have died due to electrocution, while six elephants have been poached," he said.

Amidst rising dengue cases, BBMP to crack down on unclean vacant plots

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The civic chief suggests evaluating whether these vacant plots are subject to property tax, and taking steps to include them under the tax regime

Amidst rising dengue cases, the city's civic body has decided to crack down on unclean vacant plots that have become dump yards for waste and breeding grounds for mosquitoes. "Property owners who fail to maintain their plots will be issued notices requiring them to clean up the sites. Persistent offenders will face fines and warnings against future violations," Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said.

Mr. Giri Nath directed officials to identify and list all vacant plots across various BBMP zones. He suggested evaluating whether these vacant plots are subject to property tax, and taking necessary steps to include them under the tax regime. During a meeting held at the BBMP head office on Monday, Mr. Giri Nath emphasised the need for a comprehensive approach to maintain cleanliness. The commissioner also directed officials to step up measures to destroy mosquito breeding sites using 600 fogging machines and 618 sprayers.

Unauthorised ads

The meeting also addressed the issue of unauthorised advertisements. Mr. Giri Nath instructed officials to issue notices to the printing press operating within their respective zones, enforcing adherence to the Karnataka Open Places (Prevention of Defacement) Act, 1981, and the BBMP Act, 2020. He stressed that violators must be prosecuted to prevent the proliferation of unauthorised ads.

In addition to these measures, Mr. Giri Nath called for the immediate start of white topping work across the city. He said all the projects have to be completed within the stipulated time in collaboration with the traffic police.

From Page One

SIT files chargesheet in Valmiki corpn. case

B. Nagendra

Basanagouda Daddal

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, in his response, conceded that there had been misappropriation of funds at the corporation, but claimed that it was the doing of the officials, who had been arraigned by the SIT.

The chargesheet is 3,072 pages long and runs into seven volumes. It lists J. J. Padmanabh, former managing director, and Parashuram Durgannanavar, former accounts officer of the corporation, as prime accused in the case.

Significantly, the chargesheet also lists Nekkunte Nagaraj, an acquaintance of Mr. Nagendra, Nageshwar Rao, brother-in-law of Nekkunte Nagaraj as accused, apart from many others from Hyderabad and Andhra Pradesh where the money diverted from the corporation was allegedly laundered.

The SIT had claimed that they had recovered cash, gold, and other valuables worth ₹49.96 crore from the accused.

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated August 6, we have a story on how many apartment complexes across the city have embraced water conservation methods. In March this year, due to rampant water scarcity, the BWSSB prohibited the use of drinking water for car washing, construction, gardening, road repairs, and maintenance tasks. It also banned the use of potable water, both from the Cauvery and from borewells, to fill swimming pools.

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Charaka Hospital in Shivajinagar to reopen soon

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After a gap of over three years, Charaka Super-speciality Hospital, affiliated with Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Institute, is all set to reopen next month.

The hospital – started as a 150-bed dedicated COVID facility during the pandemic – had to be shut down in the first year itself due to staff shortage. It has not been functional ever since.

Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil, who inspected the institute on Monday, told *The Hindu* that Cabinet approval for running the hospital with funds from Medical Education Department has been obtained.

"We are likely to incur ₹16 crores annually to run this hospital with seven specialties. Staff recruitment has been completed and it is all set to start functioning in the next one month," he said.

Some Azim Premji University students sport Palestine flag during convocation

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Some students who graduated from Azim Premji University sported the Palestine flag and 'End Genocide' stickers while receiving their degrees at the convocation ceremony held on Sunday.

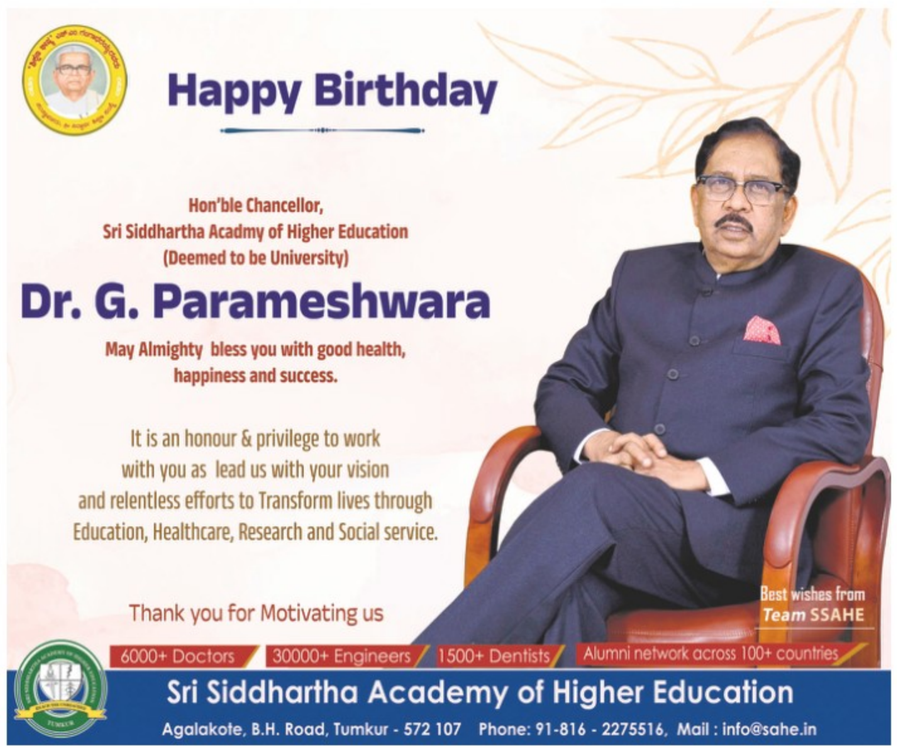
The students claimed Azim Premji University has a collaboration with Tel Aviv University of Israel, and Wipro, the multinational company run by Azim Premji and family, also has several tie-ups with Israel.

Allegation

The students alleged that the university and the company are "complicit in the genocide" due to these tie-ups with Israeli institutions. They called for these relations to be cut immediately.

One of the students who sported the Palestine flag and held placards calling for putting a stop to genocide told *The Hindu* that over 80 students participated, showing their solidarity with the Palestinian struggle. "It was a symbolic protest. We expected Mr. Azim Premji to be present at the convocation like every year. But he did not come this time. But we want this message to reach him. We appeal to him to cut ties with Israeli institutions," the student said.

In a statement, Azim Premji University said while a few students sported the Palestine flag as a mark of their solidarity, the convocation was held without any disturbance or protests on the campus.



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Death toll from anti-government protests in Bangladesh

300 The overall death toll from clashes in Bangladesh rose to at least 300 people after 94 died on Sunday which was the deadliest day in weeks of anti-government demonstrations. AFP

The worth of assets monetised in three years to FY24

3.86 in lakh crore. Asset monetisation worth over ₹1.54 lakh crore happened in the coal sector, followed by roads (₹81,556 crore), power (₹33,512 crore), mines (₹32,651 crore) etc. PTI

Number of arsenic affected rural habitations in India

316 India also has 265 fluoride-hit rural habitations, a decrease from the 14,020 arsenic-affected and 7,996 fluoride-affected areas in April 2019, the government informed the Rajya Sabha. PTI

Number of people displaced in the Manipur violence

59,564 According to Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, 11,133 houses were gutted in fires in the violence in the State. PTI

The increase in UPI transactions in India in the current fiscal

36 In per cent. As per details shared by Minister of State for Finance, 4,122 crore UPI transactions worth ₹60 lakh crore took place from April to June in 2024-25. PTI

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On doorstep delivery of alcohol

What are the arguments for and against online delivery of alcohol? How much of India consumes liquor? Can such a system make it safer for women to access alcohol? How should governments regulate liquor consumption?

EXPLAINER

Parth Sharma
Siddhesh Zadey
Vid Karmarkar

The story so far:

The States of Delhi, Karnataka, Haryana, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Goa, and Kerala are or were mulling plans to allow the doorstep delivery of alcohol through platforms like Swiggy, BigBasket, and Zomato. India has seen a steady rise in alcohol consumption. The recorded per capita consumption has increased from 1.6 litres in 2003-2005 to 2.2 litres in 2010, then to 5.5 litres in 2016-2018. With $52 billion in revenue, India is the sixth-largest alcohol market worldwide. According to a Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment survey in 2019, there were about 16 crore alcohol users in India in the 10-75 year age group in 2018. Medically, the safe limit for alcohol consumption is zero millilitres. Alcohol use causes three lakh deaths in the country every year.

Why doorstep delivery?

There are two main arguments in favour of doorstep delivery of alcohol. First, that excise taxes on alcohol sales can help generate revenue for Central and State governments. Across States, taxes on alcohol sales contribute up to a quarter of all revenue generated for governments. Second, doorstep delivery can help reduce drunk-driving incidents and prevent road traffic crashes and injuries. In India, 6-48% of fatal road traffic fatalities are due to alcohol use.

A third argument is that doorstep deliveries may not threaten the safety of women consumers. There is some evidence from Kerala that shutting bars selling hard liquor reduced on-premise violence against women. Doorstep delivery options might have a similar effect, especially for women who live alone or with other women.

GETTY IMAGES

However, this argument is on a slippery slope: for the majority of India's women, safety cannot be presumed as domestic violence related to alcohol use is rampant. So while doorstep delivery will help women access alcohol without social stigma – a possible advantage in itself – whether it could reduce violence against them is suspect.

What are the arguments against?

Studies to date agree that for India, the costs due to alcohol use exceed economic benefits from alcohol sales. Second, schemes with doorstep delivery of alcohol assume people will change their drinking and socialising behaviours in response to the new option. It is reasonable but requires concrete evidence. There is some evidence that the availability of alcohol on-demand can increase consumption, promote binge drinking, and lead to harms related to alcohol use.

Similarly, it is not straightforward to assume doorstep alcohol delivery can reduce drunk-driving. There are several other, evidence-based policies that can help deal with that issue including sobriety checkpoints, stringent penalties for repeat offenders, and increasing availability of public transport and other ride-share options.

What are the effects of alcohol consumption?

Alcohol is a carcinogen and causes at least seven types of cancers. Alcohol consumption also increases the risk of injuries, abuse of other substances, mental illnesses, diabetes mellitus, liver disease, diseases of the heart and blood vessels, and chronic kidney diseases. Along with health implications for the user, male alcohol misuse increases the risk and severity of inter-partner violence.

Treatment of diseases and injuries due to alcohol consumption are expected to cost India more than ₹3 lakh crore between 2011 and 2050. Adding productivity losses raises this to ₹121.3 lakh crore. The revenue to governments from excise taxes will be only one-fifth of the financial losses. Worldwide, the alcohol industry is known for intense lobbying including efforts to weaken health warning labels. The alcohol industry views low- and middle-income countries as emerging markets. In India, the industry has been known to advocate against alcohol use reduction policies despite evidence of it's effectiveness.

What can governments do?

Except for some national policies – including drunk driving laws and health warning labels – alcohol-use policies have been delegated to States, resulting in wide variation in policy framing and implementation. The instruments available to State and Central governments allow them to mitigate harms due to alcohol use through cross-sectoral public health approaches. They include restricting the availability and marketing of alcohol, higher taxes, enforcement of drunk-driving laws, and higher investment in cost-beneficial psychosocial treatments of alcohol-use disorders. So if doorstep delivery is to be offered, for example, States can change the trade-off for consumers from whether they should order in to whether they should drink at all – which they can achieve by setting higher prices and taxes.

In tandem, governments should work with health departments and other organisations to monitor the impact of doorstep delivery on alcohol consumption. Companies offering these services must share accurate data with the government to understand the health and economic burden. The decision should be revised if harms are evident.

Vid Karmarkar is the founder and CEO of Canseva Foundation. Parth Sharma is founding editor of Nivarana.org. Siddhesh Zadey is a co-founder of Association for Socially Applicable Research.

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Why was a customs duty hike imposed for lab chemicals?

What are the different kinds of chemicals which are imported into the country? How important are these chemicals for scientific research? Is Ethanol also imported into the country?

Jacob Koshy

The story so far:

The Finance Ministry has withdrawn a customs duty hike on imported laboratory chemicals, which was proposed post the Budget, after scientists raised a furore.

What are laboratory chemicals?

Imported chemicals, reagents, and enzymes come under the category of laboratory chemicals and are vital to experimental research across nearly every domain of scientific research. They comprise oxidisers, corrosive acids, and compressed gas, that are used by researchers to conduct experiments and even make new products. Outside of research settings, the medical diagnostics industry is run on laboratory chemicals. Closely affiliated to these chemicals are laboratory instruments such as funnels, beakers, test tubes and burners. Because these chemical compounds have a wide range of properties and are potentially hazardous, they are regulated and their imports scrutinised.

Most of such chemicals are niche products and can be fairly expensive. The Customs Department defines laboratory chemicals as "all chemicals, organic or inorganic, whether or not chemically defined, imported in packings not exceeding 500 gms or 500 millilitres and which can be identified with reference to the purity, makings or other features to show them to be meant for use solely as laboratory chemicals."

What was the issue?

The Budget documents released on July 23, silently hiked the Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on these chemicals to 150% from the existing 10%. The matter came to light with scientists from reputed, publicly funded research laboratories in India reporting on social media platforms, such as X, on having received emails from suppliers – typically there are specialised companies that trade in these chemicals – that the chemicals had become expensive. For instance, a batch of products that usually cost ₹1,00,000 before the Budget would now cost ₹2,50,000. There was also a 25% hike on the plastic components imported for laboratory uses. Researchers were flummoxed by the steep increase and some told *The Hindu* that they believed it to be a "misprint." Several senior scientists wrote to the Ministry of Science and Technology asking for clarity. However an issue of customs duty must ultimately be dealt with by the Ministry of Finance along with the Commerce Ministry.

Why are imported chemicals a must?

India is a major pharmaceutical and chemicals manufacturer and also an exporter of complex chemicals. However, there isn't enough of local demand among Indian research institutions for companies to make the substantial capital investments required to produce niche chemicals, Dr. Vinod Scaria, a biologist, told *The Hindu*. A key feature of experimental research is trying to replicate results of experiments conducted abroad and this often requires the exact materials used.

How was the issue resolved?

As it emerged, the hiked up rate wasn't a misprint. The customs department did this as it wanted to reign in imports of ethanol that were being brought in as 'laboratory chemicals' to avoid the customs duty of 150%. There are broadly two kinds of ethanol. Ethanol, of varying grades, sourced from grain and used in the manufacture of alcohol and, 'denatured' ethanol, which is ethanol mixed with additives and unfit for consumption. The latter also comes in grades but is used in laboratories and in commercial applications.

Scientists told *The Hindu* that denatured alcohol is made by several local manufacturers and doesn't usually need to be imported. However, the revised Finance Ministry notification puts in some additional caveats that may still impose some delays in the procurement of such chemicals. It states that while the duty rate would revert back to the original rate, all imported laboratory chemicals need to be accompanied by a letter that says the goods will only be used in a laboratory and for research and not further traded for commercial gains.

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State Cabinet to discuss Centre's fresh draft notification on Kasturirangan panel report

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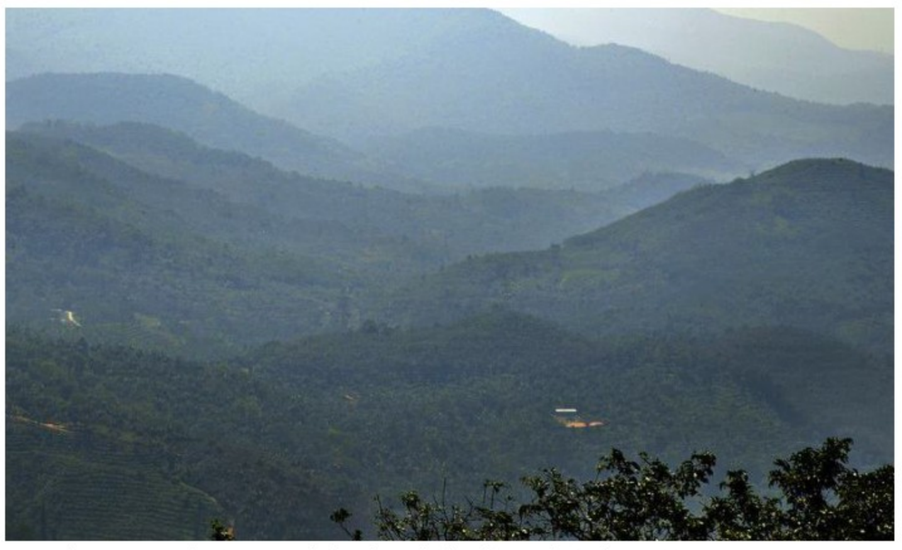
As much as 20,668 sq km in Karnataka has been declared as ecologically sensitive area. FILE PHOTO

Forest and Environment Minister B. Eshwar Khandre on Monday said that the decision on whether to implement the Centre's fresh draft notification on the Kasturirangan committee report on conservation of the Western Ghats would be taken only after discussing the issue in the State Cabinet and with leaders of all political parties of the State.

Recently, the Union government reissued the draft notification classifying parts of the Western Ghats in six States, including Karnataka, as ecologically sensitive areas (ESAs).

"The Centre now issued another notification regarding the Kasturirangan report. An area of over 20,668 sq km of the State has been declared as ESA. A total of 1,576 villages in the districts of Chamarajanagar, Kodagu, Mysuru, Hassan, Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru, Uttara Kannada, Udupi, Dakshina Kannada, and Belagavi have been identified," Mr. Khandre said.

He said that the State government has already taken the decision to reject the report. With regard to the fresh notification issued by the Centre, he said a decision will be taken after consultation with the Chief Minister and the Cabinet and after taking the opinion of the leaders of all parties.

On the high-level panel headed by IFS officer Sanjay Kumar (retd), formed by the Centre to re-examine the suggestions of the States on declaring the region as ESA, Mr. Khandre said the committee members met him formally. "However the committee members did not visit any village in the region or talk to the people to get feedback," Mr. Khandre said.

The Minister also clarified that the State government issued an order saying that encroachment of forest land for livelihood will not be vacated if the combined land area and encroachment land does not exceed three acres.

Similarly, no house or land of those who have already applied under the Forest Rights Act will be vacated. However, he said that action will be taken in the case of encroachments which have occurred after 2015.

36 acres of encroached forestland cleared in Koppa

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

The Western Ghats forest encroachment task force, which has been setup to clear encroached forestland, has cleared 36 acres of encroached land in Koppa in Chikkamagaluru district.

The encroachment drive began had begun on Monday in the wake of series of landslides in different areas of Western Ghats. Nandish L., Deputy Conservator of Forests, told *The Hindu* that 36 acres of forestland, where coffee was cultivated, had been cleared. However, he refused to share the name of the encroacher.

The officials cleared the forest encroachment on survey numbers 9, 21, 22, 23, 72, and 97 of Tanudi in Koppa taluk. The encroacher had cultivated coffee on the land. According to sources, the officials have identified encroachment of forestland at Magundi, Halassur as well. The drive to clear encroachment will continue.

Following landslides in Karnataka and Kerala, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre had instructed the officials to clear the encroachments and also set up a task force.

Kumaraswamy and Shivakumar continue to trade accusations

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The bitter animosity between Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy continued on Monday with both trading accusations at each other. The attacks has increased after the commencement of the BJP-JD(S) padayatra and the Congress's response to it through Janandolana conventions.

Mr. Kumaraswamy, who on Sunday accused Mr. Shivakumar of grabbing 68 acres from Dalits, continued his tirade accusing him of grabbing plots in Sadashivanagar from five widows at gunpoint. "Full amount was not given after entering into a sale agreement with the five widows. Congress leader Allam Veerabhadrapppa paid advance for one site, but did not make full payment. Mr. Shivakumar intervened and got a sale agreement signed after threatening them," he said at Channapatna on the third day of the padayatra from Bengaluru to Mysuru.

In response, Mr. Shivakumar, addressing the Janandolana programme at Maddur, said he was not scared of threats and padayatras. He urged Mr. Kumaraswamy to reveal details about the ill-gotten wealth. "You (Mr. Kumaraswamy) have become Union Minister by blackmailing the BJP though your party won just two seats. You have said you would dethrone the Congress government in Karnataka in 10 months. Even the British could not bring down the Congress party."

He accused Mr. Kumaraswamy of propping up BJP's Devaraje Gowda to write to the BJP high command against providing ticket to Prajwal Revanna from Hassan Lok Sabha. "Mr. Kumaraswamy cannot tolerate the political rise of his brother's family."He also said: "Chief Minister Siddaramaiah could not be touched. He is a backward classes leader who has become Chief Minister for the second time and the BJP is unable to digest it."

'BSY has no moral right to seek my resignation'

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI/BENGALURU

Asserting that the Congress will fight the MUDA case legally and politically, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday launched a counter attack on the Opposition by maintaining that BJP leader B.S. Yediyurappa has no moral right to seek his resignation.

"How can Mr. Yediyurappa ask me to resign? Is he free of allegations? He is alleging that there is a fly on my plate, while there is a dead donkey on his plate," the Chief Minister told reporters in Belagavi.

Facing investigation

"The BJP leader should not forget that he is facing investigation in a serious offence under the POCSO Act. A chargesheet has been submitted against him. He is participating in the 'Mysuru chalo' padayatra of the Opposition because he is on bail. Does he even know how many cases he is facing and under what charge?" Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

"Some BJP leaders, including Mr. Yediyurappa, are facing 21 cases in all. The government has referred some of them to the CID. The rest will be referred soon," he said.

Home Minister G. Parameshwara on Monday expressed hope that Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot will not reject the Cabinet's advice to withdraw his show-cause notice to Chief Minister.

Fight legally

Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru, Dr. Parameshwara said in case the Governor rejects the Cabinet's advice and grants permission for prosecution against the Chief Minister, the government will fight it legally. It is alleged that MUDA distributed 14 sites to Chief Minister's wife Parvathi in Mysuru.

On speculations related to Cabinet reshuffle, Dr. Parameshwara said party general secretaries K.C. Venugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala did not discuss the issue during their meeting with Ministers on Sunday.

NGO petitions Governor to annul 'political' appointments to wildlife board

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

National Environment Care Federation secretary says the government has appointed individuals who lack expertise in ecology, wildlife, and forest habitats

Mangaluru-based National Environment Care Federation has written to Governor Thawaarchand Gehlot to revoke the appointment of politically-connected persons with no expertise in ecology, wildlife and forest habitats as members of the Karnataka State Board for Wildlife.

The board is a statutory body advising the government of Karnataka on wildlife conservation with the Chief Minister as its chairperson.

On August 3, federation secretary H. Shashidhar Shetty wrote to the Governor that the government has appointed individuals with political connections, who lack expertise in ecology, wildlife, and forest habitats, as members of the board at a time when there is push for development projects and linear structures in Karnataka's forested districts.

"While the ecologically sensitive Western Ghats in Karnataka are under threat, it is disheartening to see the present composition of the board. The State has some of the best ecologists and conservation organisations with decades of field experience and expertise in wildlife conservation. However, not a single experienced individual from this pool was nominated to the board. Arbitrary nature of appointments indicate the government has succumbed to vested interests that aim to push through destructive projects at the cost of conservation," Mr. Shetty said.

Kith and kin

Instead of appointing 10 out of 31 members of the board from the category of eminent conservationists, as mandated under Section 6 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, the government has filled the posts with the kith and kin of politicians, legislators and party workers.

According to Mr. Shetty, besides the Chief Minister as the chairperson and Forest Minister as the vice-chairperson, the board includes three legislators and 13 ex-officio members with no relevant experience. The legislators are: Ashok Pattan, MLA, Ramdurg; H.M. Ganesh Prasad, MLA, Gundlupet, and Puttanna, MLC.

Wildlife Association of South India, Tigers Unlimited Wildlife Society and Bengaluru Environmental Trust are NGOs based in Bengaluru.

On govt. commitment

Mr. Shetty said the appointments reflect poorly on the government's commitment to addressing ecological issues and wildlife conservation. He urged the Governor to appoint individuals with genuine expertise and proven track record to the board.

'State govt. on its toes owing to pressure built by Opposition'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

JD(S) and BJP leaders H.D. Kumaraswamy, B.Y. Vijayendra, and R. Ashok during the padayatra on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra on Monday said that the Congress government is on its toes due to the pressure built by the Opposition with respect to corruption charges.

"The Congress Central leaders K.C. Vengugopal and Randeep Singh Surjewala have tutored the legislators to protect the Chief Minister. The Gandhi family in Delhi has sent message to protect the scamhit government and the Chief Minister," he told presspersons at Kengal, near Channapatna, before starting the Bengaluru-Mysuru padayatra on day three. "The padayatra is attracting more participants daily. The BJP and the Janata Dal (Secular) workers and leaders are participating with enthusiasm. This has increased the pressure on the government," Mr. Vijayendra said.

Stating that the padayatra was not a symbol of tokenism, Mr. Vijayendra said the Congress has to be taught a lesson for looting money meant for Scheduled Tribes from the Maharshi Valmiki ST Welfare Corporation and the irregularities in distribution of sites in MUDA. "This is a zero-development government. While we welcome the CM's announcement to build 100 houses for Wayanad landslide victims, he has ignored the applications of hundreds of homeless in Mysuru. This padayatra is to seek justice for people," he added.

Cancellation of train services

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MANGALURU

With restoration work on the Sakleshpur-Subrahmanya Road Ghat section nearing completion, the South Western Railway (SWR) that cancelled all services on the Bengaluru-Mangaluru sector till August 6, has further extended the cancellation till August 8.

A release from the SWR here said the ongoing restoration work of the track between Yedakumari and Kadagaravalli was progressing well.

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How time has been kept throughout history: from sundials to atomic clocks

The world has come from keeping time with the Sun and the moon to atoms and their nuclei. Some physicists have even started work on the next-to-next generation of devices, called nuclear clocks

Vasudevan Mukunth

Time is an inalienable part of our reality. Scientists don't understand it fully at the universe's largest and smallest scales, but fortunately for humans, a panoply of natural philosophers and inventors have allowed us to keep step with its inexorable march – with clocks.

What is a clock?

Clocks are devices that measure the passage of time and display it. Their modern versions have the following parts – a power source, resonator, and counter.

A clock measures the amount of time that has passed by tracking something that happens in repeating fashion, at a fixed frequency. In many modern clocks, for example, this is a quartz crystal. More rudimentary devices often depended on natural events instead. The sundials in use in ancient times allowed people to 'tell' time by casting shadows of changing lengths against sunlight. In water clocks, water would slowly fill a vessel, with its levels at different times indicating how much time had passed. The hourglass served a similar purpose, using sand instead of water.

How did mechanical clocks work?

Until the Middle Ages, engineers around the world improved the water clock with additional water tanks, gear wheels, pulleys, and even attached musical instruments to the point where they were practically developing rudimentary analog computers.

One of the first major revolutions in timekeeping that paved the way for modern clocks was the invention of the verge escapement mechanism in the 13th century, which first opened the door to mechanical clocks. The fundamental element here was a gear that, through a combination of mechanical arrangements, could only move in fixed intervals. The gear was called an escape wheel if it was circular. A second gear, called the balance wheel, was enmeshed with the first such that when the escape wheel moved forward one gear tooth at a time, the balance wheel would oscillate back and forth. This oscillation would drive the 'hands' of a clock on a clockface as long as some force was applied on the balance wheel to keep it moving.

Between the 15th and 18th centuries, clockmakers developed and improved on spring-driven clocks. These devices replaced the suspended weight that applied the force on the balance wheel in the previous designs with a coiled spring. To keep these clocks from becoming inaccurate as the spring unwound, clockmakers also developed mechanisms like the fusee, which ensured the spring always delivered a uniform force. The idea to couple a balance spring with the balance wheel also led to the advent of pocket watches.

After every 'tick' motion before the 'tock' motion towards the other side, the balance spring would return the balance wheel to its neutral position. As a result, the clocks lost a few minutes a day versus a few hours a day before.

Finally, in the mid-17th century, the Dutch inventor Christiaan Huygens invented the pendulum clock. While the clock itself used the by-then familiar escapement mechanism, Huygens made an important contribution by working out a formula to convert the pendulum's swings to the amount of time passed.

How did clocks change shipping?

The marine chronometer came the next century. For a ship to accurately know where it was on the face of the earth, it needed to know its latitude, longitude, and altitude. The latitude could be computed based on the Sun's position in the sky and the altitude could be assumed to be sea level, leaving the longitude – which requires an accurate clock onboard each vessel. Pendulum clocks couldn't serve this purpose because the ship's rocking motion rendered them inaccurate.

A carpenter named John Harrison built a working marine chronometer in 1761 and delivered it to the British government for its longitude prize, worth GBP 20,000 at the time. This device featured mechanisms to ensure the clock's operation wasn't affected by the ship's rocking, the force of gravity, and some temperature changes.

Thus, time flew until modernity dawned. The better clocks of the 19th century were electric clocks, that is, whose energy source was a battery or an electric motor rather than suspended weights or springs, although the former and latter were attached to improve the efficiency of existing designs. And at long last came the 20th century.

How do quartz clocks work?

Two important types of clocks in operation today are the quartz clock and the atomic clock. The fundamental setup of both these instruments is similar: they have a power source, a resonator, and a counter. In quartz clocks, the resonator is a quartz crystal. The power source sends electrical signals to a quartz crystal, whose crystal structure oscillates due to the piezoelectric effect. The signal's energy can be tuned to make the crystal oscillate at its resonant frequency, making it the resonator. The counter counts the number of periodic oscillations and converts them into seconds (depending on the crystal's period). A digital display shows the counter's results.

Such quartz clocks are inexpensive to make and easy to operate, and their invention led to watches and wall-clocks becoming very common from the mid-20th century.

What are atomic clocks?

An atomic clock may seem futuristic in comparison.

The power source is a laser and the resonator is a group of atoms of the same isotope. The laser imparts just enough energy for the atom to jump from its low energy state to a specific higher energy state. And when the atom jumps back down, it releases radiation with a well-established frequency. For example, the caesium atomic clock uses caesium-133 atoms as the resonator. When these atoms excite and then de-excite, they release radiation of frequency 9,192,631,770 Hz. So when the counter detects 9,192,631,770 full waves of the radiation, it will record that one second has passed.

Atomic clocks are distinguished by their resonator; each such clock is called a time standard. For example, India's time standard is a caesium atomic clock at the National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi, which maintains the Indian Standard Time. Many countries are currently developing next-generation optical clocks. This is because the higher the frequency of the radiation emitted in the clock, the more stable the clock will be. That emitted in a caesium atomic clock is in the microwave range (gigahertz), and the resulting clock loses or gains a second only once in 20 million years or so. The radiation in the next-generation clocks is in the optical range (hundreds of terahertz) – thus the clocks' name. These devices use strontium or ytterbium atoms as resonators and don't miss a second in more than 10 billion years.

Some physicists have even started work on the next-to-next generation of devices, called nuclear clocks: their resonators are the nuclei of specific atoms rather than the whole atom. Atomic clocks need to make sure the resonator atoms aren't affected by energy from other sources, like a stray electromagnetic field; an atom's nucleus, however, is located well within each atom, surrounded by electrons, and thus could be a more stable resonator.

Since April this year, researchers around the world have reported three major developments in building functional nuclear clocks: a laser to excite thorium-229 nuclei to a specific higher energy state, a way to link a thorium-229 nuclear clock with an optical clock, and a precise estimate of the excitation energy. The nucleus's de-excitation emission has a frequency of 2,020 terahertz, alluding to an ultra-high precision.

THE DAILY QUIZ

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Test yourself on the Indian men hockey team's showing in the Olympics over the years

V.V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
India is the most successful team in men's hockey at the Olympics. How many gold and bronze medals has it won?

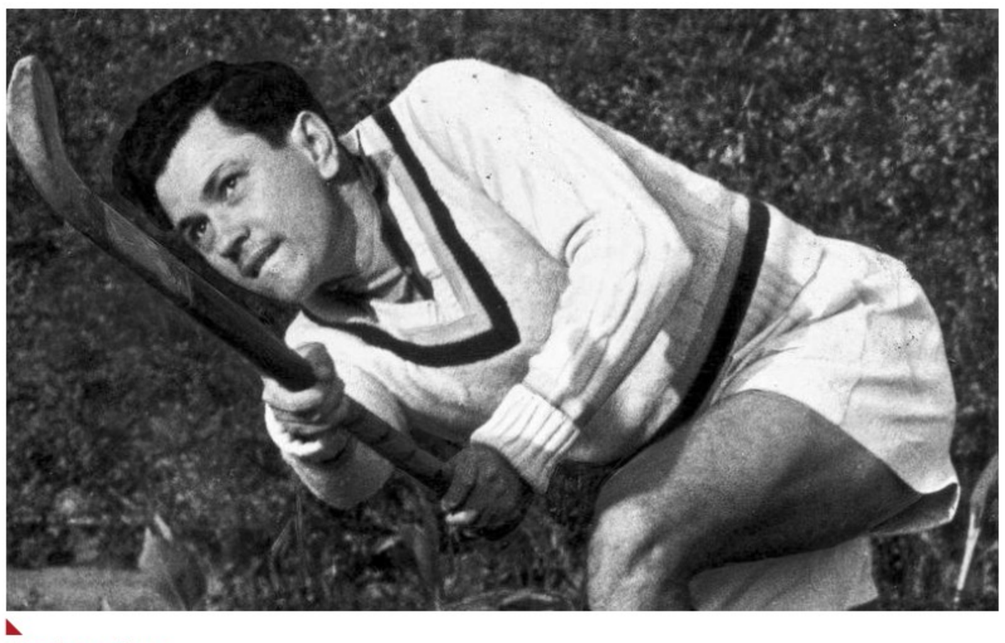
QUESTION 2
Between which editions did India's streak of six straight golds happen?

QUESTION 3
Captaining the Indian team once is an honour. But who has led the side at two Olympics and in which years?

QUESTION 4
India holds the record for the biggest margin of victory (24-1) in an Olympics match. Which team was at the receiving end of this harsh treatment in 1932?

QUESTION 5
Name the Indian legend and winner of three Olympic hockey titles to whom Sir Donald Bradman remarked "You score goals like runs in cricket"!

QUESTION 6
With five goals, which Indian legend holds the Olympic record for most goals scored in an Olympic men's hockey final?



Visual question:
Name this Indian great who has four Olympic medals (three Gold and one Silver). THE HINDU ARCHIVES

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The world's first traffic light was installed in London in 1868, in front of this building. **Ans: House of Commons**
2. An apparatus that creates signals visible to the human eye across large distances. **Ans: Semaphore**
3. The first traffic light to use _____ _____ was installed in Detroit in Michigan in 1920. **Ans: Three colours**
4. In 1966, _____ received its first traffic signal. **Ans: Bengaluru**
5. Name the type of traffic intersection urban planners around the world today consider to be a better alternative to traffic lights. **Ans: Roundabouts**
Visual: This setup shows a notifier and a receiver used to achieve this. **Ans: Signal preemption**
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Hello!"

"Hi! Did you have time to go through my letter?"

"Yes. It it very good. But you must make some changes."

"What changes?"

"Changes in spelling. You seem to be a Shakespeare in spelling."

"What do you mean?"

"The spelling of words had not become fixed in Shakespeare's time. Even his name, he spelled in 26 different ways."

"I wish I had lived at that time. I find English spelling irrational, awful."

"Someone called it inhuman."

"It is. You don't pronounce the 'p' in 'psychology,' the 'k' in 'knight,' the 'b' in 'debt', the 's' in 'island.' There is no one-to-one correspondence between a letter and its sound. The letter 'a' in 'saw', 'take,' 'man,' 'pass' is not pronounced in the same way."

"Bernard Shaw said 'ghoti' should be pronounced like the word fish!"

"What was his reason for this or the lack of it?"

"He said that 'gh' in the word should be pronounced like the 'gh' in 'enough,' that is 'f.' The 'o' in the word should be pronounced like the 'o' in 'women,' that is 'i'; 'ti' as in 'nation,' that is 'sh.' So you have fish."

"So why do you want me to change the spellings of words in my letter?"

"You have to as you are not Bernard Shaw. But President Andrew Jackson of America would have supported you. He was a poor speller. When he was criticised for his poor spelling, he said: 'Well, Sir, it is a damned poor mind that cannot think of more than one way to spell a word.' Some believe that we owe the word O.K. to Jackson who thought that 'all correct' was spelled 'orl korrect'."

"It is funny. All the same, don't you think American spelling is more logical?"

"Benjamin Franklin and Noah Webster tried to introduce some changes and they were minor changes. Now we have 'or' instead of 'our' in words like 'labor,' 'honor,' 'er' instead of 're' in words like 'meter,' 'center,' single 'l' instead of double 'l' in 'traveling,' 'traveled,' 'k' instead of 'qu' in 'check' (cheque). These are some of the changes. With the publication of Dr. Johnson's dictionary in 1755, the spelling of English became more or less fixed. Now considerable importance is attached to correct spelling. The ability to spell correctly is considered a mark of education."

"I hear that Ernest Hemingway was a poor speller and so was F. Scott Fitzgerald. Both were great writers. In a letter to Scott Fitzgerald, Hemingway said: 'You write a swell letter. Glad somebody spells worse than I do.' It is reassuring to know that great writers are also poor spellers."

"But poor spelling is not a necessary condition for becoming a great writer."

"O.K., O.K. Tell me how I can improve my spelling. Are there rules?"

"There are some. We'll discuss them next week."

"You must also tell me why English spelling is so chaotic."

"One at a time. Ill take up the rules first. See you next week."

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Word of the day

Hoopla:

blatant or sensational promotion

Synonyms: plug, ballyhoo, hype

Usage: *I am very upset about all of the hoopla surrounding this story.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/hooplapro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /'hu:pla/

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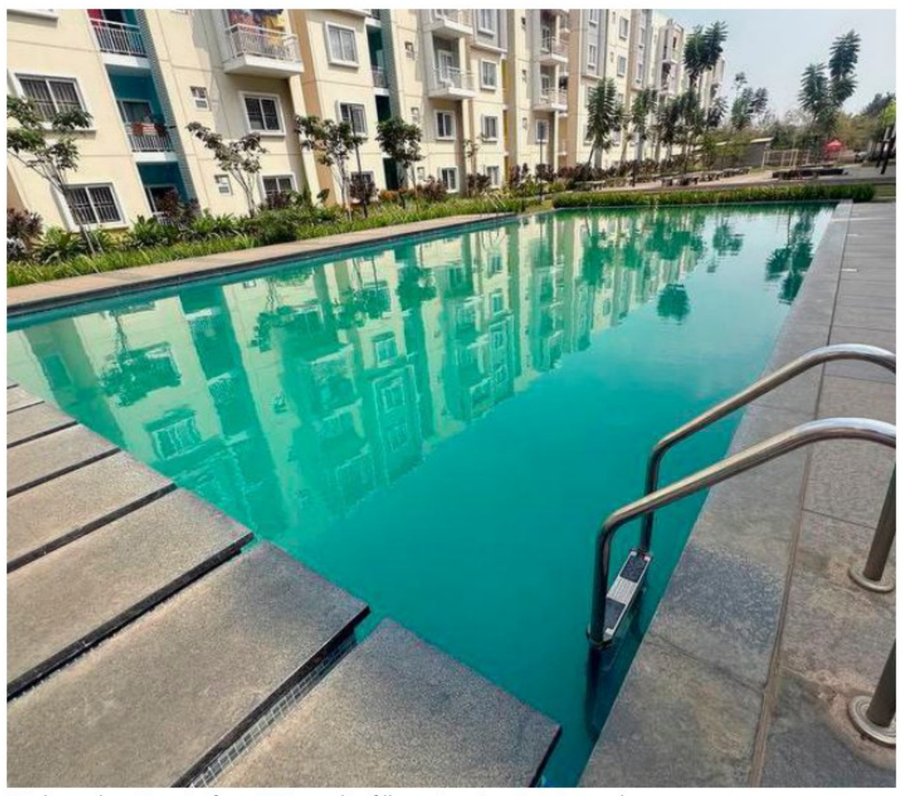
Many Bengaluru apartments continue water conservation measures post the crisis period

A cross section of people *The Hindu* spoke to said that they have not forgotten the lessons learnt during the time of drought and continue conservation practices

Yemen S.
BENGALURU

Recycled water is used for washing cars due to the water crisis in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT



Discharged wastewater from RO is used to fill apartment swimming pools. JAHNAVI T.R.

The summer that went by saw Bengaluru -- a city known for its great weather and lush gardens -- face one of its most challenging water crises in recent memory. With reduced rains last year and groundwater levels plummeting, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) stepped up to implement stringent water conservation measures. Many apartment complexes across the city embraced water conservation methods.

In March this year, the BWSSB prohibited the use of drinking water for car washing, construction, gardening, fountains, road repairs, and maintenance tasks. The civic body also banned the use of potable water, both from the Cauvery and from borewells, to fill swimming pools. A month later the BWSSB relaxed the ban allowing apartment complexes, clubs, and sporting institutes to use borewell and rainwater to fill swimming pools. However, the order said that no one can use the Cauvery water supplied by the board to fill the pools. The BWSSB said that if any of these conditions are not met, it will impose a fine of ₹5,000 for the first offence, and on subsequent offences, the fine would go up by ₹500 every day.

Now that the rains are here, are these communities continuing to comply with BWSSB's directives for sustainable living by continuing to follow the water conservation methods? It appears that many of them are.

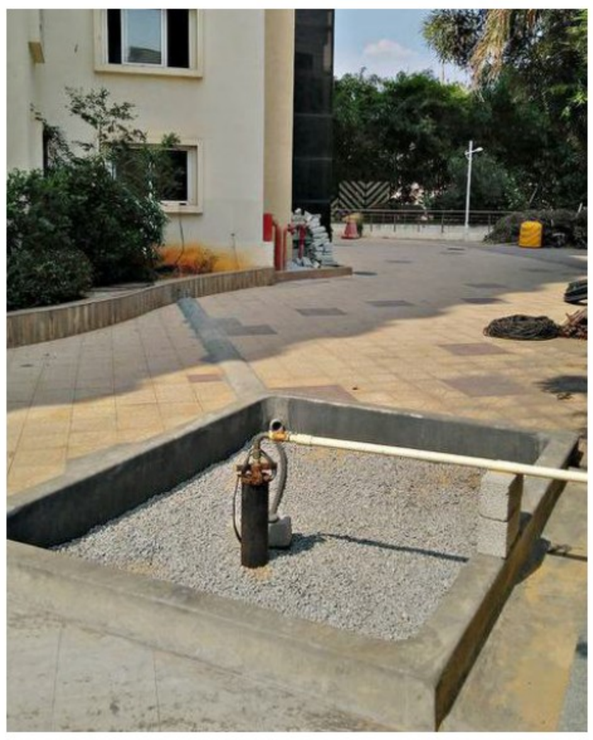
Members advised

Vikram Rai, president of Bengaluru Apartments' Federation (BAF) said, "Post the instruction by the BWSSB there has not been any relaxation on the ban. The BAF does get queries from our members asking if the ban is lifted but we instruct them that the prohibitions continue. There are about 1,300 apartments that fall under the BAF, and every apartment is continuing to follow the conservation methods."

As it is the rainy season now, BAF tells its members how harvested rainwater can be a great source and replacement for Cauvery or borewell water. Most apartments are reusing treated water, harvested rainwater and groundwater for their activities. "We also have a talk with the members frequently and discuss how some of the techniques we adopted during summer can be sustained. Apartments have also created policies or mechanisms to make sure water is conserved. For example, some apartments have strict rules that allow residents to wipe their cars every day but can only use a bucket of water to wash their cars once a week. Apartments had covered swimming pools with tarpaulin to stop water evaporating from the pool when not in use during the summer, many apartments are continuing to do it." explained Rai.

Use of RO waste water

Rohini Ghose, secretary of the apartment association of Aristocrat Apartments, Kasturinagar, said that they had come up with a unique way to collect around 600 litres of RO wastewater every day and are continuing to follow the method. "Though it has been raining and there is sufficient water, we are continuing with the conservation measures we started in March. Initially, we did not know how to conserve RO water as ours is an old apartment, and it would be hard for us to lay down new pipelines. So, in the summer we decided to do a survey in the apartment and found that out of 145 RO units, we can get around 10 litres of RO wastewater every day from at least 70 units. We gave all the residents a 10-litre jerry can to fill and keep outside their houses. This water is then poured into two 200-litre drums that come with taps and a hose. We use the water for car washing, mopping common areas, swimming pools and for the garden area."



Residents of an apartment in Bengaluru have created percolation pits close to their borewells which allows for groundwater recharge.

BAF tells its members how harvested rainwater can be a great source and replacement for Cauvery or borewell water

Recently they also got a lab test of the RO water, RO rejects water, ground-water and Cauvery water, to confirm that their water quality was good. It had the right pH levels and met the WHO threshold. "This allowed us to take a decision that we could use the RO reject water for our swimming pool, and now we have seen a drop in our water bill," Ghose added.

Washing cars less often

In Krishna Gardenia apartments in Raghuvanahalli too residents are continuing to follow the measures they adopted this summer. "Whatever guidelines were issued by the BWSSB during the water scarcity this summer, we have found it to be sustainable, and are continuing to follow it. Though we have started using our swimming pool mostly during the weekends, since we have a water recycling system attached to it, we are not wasting any water. We have strict rules concerning car washing, and we have advised the residents not to use more than a bucket. However, most residents do not wash the car at all, they prefer to dust the car and wipe it with a wet cloth, which is saving us a lot of water," said Raghuveer Samarth, a resident of the apartment.

In Nandi Shelters apartment at Subramanyapura, residents have stopped the use of their swimming pool. S.R. Tareen, a resident of the apartment, said, "Our association initially stopped the use of the swimming pool because of the water scarcity around the city. Since schools have also reopened and it has been raining, not many residents use the pool. So, we have dried the pool and usage has been stopped for now as the ground water levels in our apartment has gone down and we are dependent on water tankers at least twice a week to meet our daily needs. Car wash has also been limited to once a week and one bucket per car," he said.

Not for times of crisis

Speaking to *The Hindu*, V. Ram Prasath Manohar, Chairman, BWSSB, said, "Conservation is not about crisis management, it is about efficient water management at every level. Water comes with lots of effort and energy and people must value it."

"There is relaxation for swimming pools, as long as they do not use Cauvery water to fill the pools. But the prohibition of use of potable water for other purposes like car wash, gardening etc. are still on, and penalties will be imposed if misused. Methods involving wasteful water use should be discontinued on a long-term basis. We plan to make this a permanent prohibition."

City hospital hosts event honouring cancer survivors

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Manipal Hospitals hosted an event recently, 'The Power to Heal', honouring cancer survivors.

They shared their diverse experiences, highlighting the significance of maintaining a positive mindset through the ordeal.

They emphasized that determination and a will to live play a pivotal role in overcoming such a challenging journey, said a press release,

The event witnessed survivors of different types of cancers, such as breast cancer, and bone cancer, Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Among them, a notable case was of baby Nicole from Indonesia who was just six months old when she was diagnosed with retinoblastoma, a rare eye cancer, affecting both her eyes in the year 2014.

Now 10 years old, Nicole has been cancer-free for the past six years and leads a normal life, attending school and enjoying her favourite activities like playing the piano.

The Olympics test human limits as well as societal norms

When Imane Khelif, the Algerian boxer who failed a sex test at last year's World Championships, broke Angela Carini's nose 46 seconds into their bout in Paris last week, even the Italian Prime Minister was drawn into the discussion

ABOUT 500 WORDS

Suresh Menon

Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo and President of the Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics Organising Committee Tony Estanguet (left) swim in the Seine in Paris on July 17 to demonstrate that the river is clean enough to host the outdoor swimming events at the Olympics. AFP

Forget the competitions, keep aside the bronze medals for a while, push the stories of valour into the background. The Olympics is larger than sports, emhasising many contemporary issues. All under one roof, as it were.

As Nandan Kamath says in *Boundary Lab*, "Organised sport is a global sandbox and perhaps the world's largest social experiment. It plays on the frontline of many thorny issues..."

The climate crisis and environmental disasters have seen high temperatures in Paris. The triathlon had to be postponed because the Seine was polluted. After the event, Belgium's Jolien Vermeylen, who had ingested much water ("It didn't taste like Coca-Cola or Sprite," she informed us) said that "While swimming under the bridge, I felt and saw things that we shouldn't think about too much. Now we just have to hope that there won't be too many sick athletes."

It was all fine, said the authorities; it was the rain that caused it. A deluge dumped a month's worth of rain on the opening ceremony. The Games opened in the same week our planet recorded its hottest day ever.

Gender issues that have plagued the Olympics since their inception continue. We have been unable to find a scientific, satisfactory definition of 'male' and 'female'. When Imane Khelif, the Algerian boxer who failed a sex test at last year's World Championships, broke Angela Carini's nose 46 seconds into their bout in Paris last week, even the Italian Prime Minister was drawn into the discussion. "The contest was not a contest, it was not equal...," she said.

Khelif and Lin Yu-ting (Taiwan), who are competing at these Olympics, were banned from the world championships following concerns over their testosterone levels. So why are they in Paris? An International Olympic Committee spokesman said, "These boxers are women on their passports." So that's fine then!

If inclusivity is the aim of both the Olympics and our world outside, we need to handle gender issues with sensitivity and pragmatism. The new Olympic motto, after all, is *Faster, Higher, Stronger - Together.*

A moral question has emerged, too. Should a convicted child rapist be allowed to participate in the Olympics, which is all about fairness and role models?

Steven van de Velde, a Dutch beach volleyball player, was sentenced to four years in an English prison in 2016 for raping a 12-year-old girl when he was 19. He has since expressed regret. The question was not about consent but the girl's age. Sex with an underage person is rape.

The Netherlands' Olympic committee said the athlete had completed an extensive rehabilitation programme. Experts had concluded there was no risk of him reoffending.

Those who feel the athlete has paid his debt to society and deserves a second chance are up against those who believe that the Olympics is no place for such individuals; expressions of regret are not enough.

Sports reflect the society in which they are played. Equally, society is made aware of the urgency of its problems through sports, especially the Olympic Games.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 6, 1974

Full Central Support for MISL Expansion

Bangalore, Aug. 5: Mr. Wadud Khan, Chairman, SAIL (Steel Authority of India Ltd.), is quoted as having assured the Mysore Iron and Steel Ltd., Bhadravathi that its expansion schemes would receive the fullest support of the Government of India.

The SAIL Chairman's assurance came after a visit to the plant in Bhadravathi.

The extension plans of the MISL, which is a subsidiary of the SAIL, include the installation of a forge plant costing about Rs. 13 crores, with a foreign exchange component of Rs. 3.4 crores.

Students for Flood Relief Work

Mangalore, Aug. 5: At a meeting of heads of educational institutions held here on August 2 college principals agreed to spare the services of 100 students for a period of one week to work in their respective taluks in salvage operations in the wake of the floods.

Mr. J. K. Arora, Deputy Commissioner appealed for the wholehearted co-operation from schools and colleges and students in organising relief work.

The meeting resolved to request Vice-Chancellors of all the Universities in Karnataka to raise funds and collect clothes, grain, etc. and despatch them to Mr. K. Suryanarayana Adiga, Chairman of the District Flood Relief Committee. Mr. Javare Gowda, Vice-Chancellor of Mysore University, had already sent 1,685 pieces of old clothes and Rs. 1,500 as the first installment. It was decided to supply books free to students in the flood-affected areas.

CITYBEATS

Binge on grills

ONGOING
To celebrate Friendship Day, Barbeque Nation has a Gang of Grills offer, which will be on till August 15. This dining offer is aimed at a group 10 and above. Diners need to make a prior booking on barbequenation.com or on the app to avail benefits or participate in events.
Visiting the nearest Barbeque Nation outlet to participate in events and enjoy special offers.

Raise a toast

ONGOING
Celebrate Friendship Day with Toscano that offers an array of Italian dishes, exclusive deals and more. Opt for the Amici Day combos on the menu, which include a 12-inch pizza, two beers for ₹1099 plus taxes or a 12-inch pizza and two mocktails for ₹999 plus taxes among other offers that are on.
For details visit https://toscano.world/

As good as it gets

ONGOING
Naturals has introduced an orange pistachio ice cream, which is said to combine the flavours of orange barfi, real oranges, creamy milk, pistachios and sugar. This limited-time flavour will be available across all Naturals outlets as well as delivery platforms Zomato, Swiggy and Thrive. The flavour, which was introduced on July 5, will be available for 120 days.

Preserving history practically

Revival Heritage Hub founded by Rajeev Nrupathunga aims to preserve the city's heritage one stone at a time

Rashmi Gopal Rao

One stone at a time Rajeev Nrupatunga (below left) and the Revival Heritage Hub at work. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Did you know that the history of Bengaluru dates back several centuries before the city's famous chieftain Nadaprabhu Hiriya Kempegowda? Or that the city was originally called Kalyanpuri? Well, these are just some interesting facts one discovers when speaking to Rajeev Nrupathunga. An accounting professional, Rajeev dons many hats including that of a teacher, historian, author and documentary film maker.

Buoyed by a passion to seek history in our day-to-day surroundings and preserve the rich heritage around us, Rajeev is the brain behind Revival Heritage Hub, a not-for-profit organisation based out of Bengaluru.

Early turning point
An opportunity to teach Social Science while still pursuing his BCom, proved to be a turning point in Rajeev's life. "I started teaching part time in a small school while I was doing my degree and it was then that my love for History blossomed. I began studying the subject deeper, reading more books, visiting libraries and researching topics. I also believed students needed a more practical approach to the subject rather than just studying the text book," says Rajeev.

"I would encourage them to prepare models and take them to sites such as the Bangalore Fort and Srirangapatna where I would teach them about Tipu Sultan, the Mysore war and more. It resulted in students enjoying these lessons and appreciating the subject," he adds.

The experience also motivated him to complete his masters in History after which he joined the Oxford PU College in Bengaluru as a lecturer. All the while, Rajeev continued to visit museums and monuments and was often appalled at the condition of neglect at heritage sites.

"I would find head stones and memorial slabs buried under mounds of trash or being used as washing stones. Many ancient temples are in dire need of maintenance. I would write to the Archaeological department notifying them of these issues but seldom was any action taken," says the 37-year-old.

It was then that he decided to do something on his own, taking inspiration from Gandhiji's words to, "Be the change that you wish to see in the world".

Leveraging the power of youth
As his style of teaching resonated with his learners, Rajeev realised that many of his students were inspired by his vision and quest for conservation. "Students began sharing stories about their own localities with me and were keen to start something on their own. It was then that I thought I should leverage their potential and enthusiasm. This was the beginning of Revival Heritage Hub which took shape in mid-2013," he says.

Gradually, the movement took off with site visits, presentations and documentation. With good traction on social media, it soon became the voice to save the existing heritage and culture of the state. Although many of his students have passed out and now pursue diverse career paths, Rajeev says they remain committed to the objectives of the group and still participate in its activities.

"We have a team of eight core members and are aided by about 20 more who actively contribute to the initiatives of Revival Heritage Hub."

Activities galore
The Hub works on several aspects of conservation through field visits, education and documentation. "Whenever we visit a heritage site, we not only ensure that its history is properly documented but also that the locals are adequately educated about the significance of their locality as they are the key stakeholders in the entire process," says Rajeev.

The team has worked actively in documenting the key festivals of Bengaluru such as the Karaga festival, as well as the many variations in celebrations observed by different communities.

Rajeev is also an avid collector of stamps and coins which he displays with his research work at various Government schools for a day every month, with an interactive session for students. He has authored as many as six books and directed four documentaries, including a five-part series on the contribution of the Mysore Lancers who fought in World War I. The Hub also conducts heritage walks on a regular basis.

The efforts of Revival Heritage Hub have not been in vain. The team was instrumental in bringing the Narayanaswamy temple in Malurpatna near Channapatna, a crumbling 9th century Chola gem, to the attention of the Archealogical Department. Today, the temple stands fully restored.

From recovering the Kittayya hero stone, the city's oldest inscription dating back to 750 CE, which was in danger of being buried under road development work in Hebbal to the digitisation of *Vachanas* with preservation of palm leaf documents in Sri Manteswamy Mutt in Channapatna, Rajeev and his team have had some incredible achievements to their credit.

"Our documentary on the Mysore Lancers was well received by both the Mysore Royal Family and the State Police department. While the event is commemorated in both Israel and India as Haifa Day, it went unnoticed in Bangalore or Mysore except for a memorial in JC Nagar. Today, the commemoration has become a state event," he says.

The work of the group is not without its set of challenges. Apart from being entirely self-funded, the team often faces issues such as lack of proper information, resistance from locals and insufficient support and coordination from key stakeholders. Yet, Rajeev remains undeterred in his mission.

He is currently gearing up for the launch of his latest book in Kannada, *Kalyanpuri Budrushya* which is an account of all the *garadi mane* (local gymnasiums), temples, *mutts* and festivals of the city.

From one family to the rest

FILM REVIEW

Vivek M V

Familiar ties Stills from *Family Drama*. CHEESE POPCORN MUSIC/YOUTUBE

The first positive of Akarsh HP's *Family Drama* is the non-stereotypical nature of his primary characters. The mother, younger brother, and sister of a lower-middle-class family are refreshingly grey. They are selfish about their personal growth and chase money desperately. Abhay (Abhay S) is a teenager who joins a gang of thugs to make quick bucks and impress his girlfriend (Ananya Amar). Lakshmi, his mother, aims to open a grocery store while Divya (Sindhu Sreenivasa Murthy of *Aachar & Co* fame), a B.Com graduate, struggles to find a job.

Billed as a dark comedy, *Family Drama* does not begin promisingly. The first half feels a tad pointless, with most of the scenes not bursting with energy. Barring one interview scene involving Sindhu's character, who struggles to communicate in English, there are not many hilarious moments.

It is as if the director knew he had a terrific twist for the interval moment but was clueless about getting there without compromising the engagement factor. The establishment of the main characters had to be precise for the film to feel consistently paced.

But once the plot kicks in, *Family Drama* comes into its own. After the sudden death of Prasanna (Mahadev Hadapad), the head of the family, the remaining three face the predicament of eliminating a don in return for a huge amount. Poornachandra Mysore plays the dreaded gangster Prakasha, and he owns the character splendidly. As someone who has committed more than 30 murders and 60-plus "half murders," he is a don struggling to get married.

***Family Drama* (Kannada)**
Director: Akarsh HP
Cast: Abhay S, Poornachandra Mysuru, Sindhu Sreenivasa Murthy, Ananya Amar, Rekha Kudligi
Runtime: 150 minutes
Storyline: The chaos of a dysfunctional family where each member is driven by their selfish motives and misguided schemes

With a goofy sense of humour, Poorna's character generates several laugh-out-loud moments, including his quest to be romantic and learning dance moves through TikTok to impress women. Aashith, as the don's ultra-loyal right hand, is also a hoot with his dead-pan expressions and mechanical dialogue delivery that suits the eccentricity of the character.

As the film shifts to thriller mode, Abhay, Sindhu, and Rekha underplay their respective characters brilliantly to help *Family Drama* move smoothly towards the climax. However, the ending is a tad underwhelming, with the climax proving how it is a challenge to mix comedy and chaos and finish on a high.

Even as we wait eagerly to see how things unfold in the last act, the film takes a breather with a conversation between Abhay and his girlfriend (Ananya Amar in a promising performance), who explains why money is not everything. Just like this scene, the first half ought to have had more episodes offering purpose to its main characters for the film to be more well-rounded.

Still, some flaws apart, *Family Drama* is a refreshing attempt at cracking a genre less explored in Kannada cinema, and music director Chethan Ammaiah also deserves special mention for enhancing the vibrant flavour in the second half. The film is a quirky drama in a middle-class setting worth watching, for it gets relatable as it progresses and reveals a bunch of promising talents across departments.

Family Drama is currently running in theatres

Travelling through time At the Walking Through a Songline enclosure. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

Guided by the stars

Ruth Dhanaraj

Once upon a time, an evil sorcerer in search of a wife began pursuing a group of sisters, changing his form often in order to deceive them. Aware of his nefarious intentions, the sisters fled across the country side; they were shapeshifters too and the paths they traversed created songlines.

This is the Pleiades star cluster origin story as told by the Aborginal community – differing versions of the story exist in cultures around the world. Over the course of time, songlines or dreaming tracks as they are also known, came to signify the routes and activities of ancestral beings as they travelled across Australia.

The digital songline crafted by the National Museum of Australia in partnership with Australia's Mosster Studio, gives visitors a peek into Aboriginal Australian knowledge. Walking Through A Songline is an attempt to share sacred Aboriginal traditions, which have been passed down from one generation to the next, with those from outside the community.

An enclosure of 8.5/ 5.5 metres houses a digital experience, where in a span of seven minutes, one can hear the ancient tongue as well as relive the folklore in 3D. The voices have been used with the consent of custodians and knowledge holders of these stories.

A star-studded sky, rocky terrain, torrential rain and more, seamlessly meld and unfold as one follows the path of the fleeing sisters and their pursuer.

The digital experience is just part of Walking Through A Songline, which also includes a reading corner, film screening and an indigenous fabric display. The fabrics on display have been created and designed using a woodblock technique and sustainable dyes by the women of Arnhem Land in Australia's Babbarra Women's Centre, in collaboration with Tharangini Studio in Bengaluru.

Also read: Jarracharra: Where aborginal art and Indian block printing collaborate

Every Saturday from 6pm, the Science Gallery will show *Songlines on Screen*, a series of six short films on the history and culture of indigenous groups in remote western, northern and central Australia.

Walking Through A Songline is on a multi-city tour of India and one can follow its schedule on www.nma.gov.au/exhibitions. It will be on display in Bengaluru at the Science Gallery till August 18, 2024.

The exhibition is free and open to all.

Union Minister's remarks on Wayanad tragedy spark row

Bhupender Yadav faults State govt. for 'laying the ground for natural disaster'; the remarks are not fact-based, says Kerala Revenue Minister; 27 unidentified bodies buried; toll goes up to 226

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Death without identification: Mass cremation of the unidentified people who lost their lives in the recent landslides at the Pithumala burial ground in Wayanad district of Kerala on Monday. PTI

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav seems to have triggered another Centre-State row after the landslides in Wayanad, by faulting the State government for "laying the ground for the natural disaster by abetting illegal mining and habitation" in the district.

Speaking to a news agency, Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change said the "local government and local politicians" aided violations in the fragile ecological zone.

Environmental zoning

Mr. Yadav also accused the State government of "avoiding" the Union government's committee on environmental zoning. He urged the State government to categorise forests as eco-sensitive zones to prevent human encroachment and illegal activities.

Mr. Yadav said three non-coal mining projects were granted environmental clearance by Kerala in Wayanad since 2023. They consisted of two 'granite building' stone quarry and a 'quarry'. He said the Centre had only given preliminary, or Stage 1 clearance, for twin-tunnel road project in Kerala but no work had actually begun. Projects that involved an environmental clearance in India must go through a multi-stage evaluation by independent experts, put together by the Centre. Depending on the size and nature of the project they may be handled by the State alone or may require further evaluation by the Centre.

Kerala Forest Minister A.K. Saseendran accused Mr. Yadav of preparing the legal and political ground for the Union government to deny the State's impassioned plea to declare Wayanad a national disaster.

Revenue Minister K. Rajan said Mr. Yadav's comments were not fact-based.

Officials in the Union Environment Ministry said that the newest version of the Western Ghats draft notification, under which States were required to mark out areas as ecologically sensitive, allowed States to progressively start regulation within their territories rather than waiting for all States to submit their final demarcated zones.

"The disaster hasn't given a fresh impetus to the Western Ghats notification as all the States are generally reluctant to sacrifice economic development. The Sanjay Kumar committee is investigating this but hopefully this disaster will prick their conscience," a senior official told *The Hindu*.

Mr. Yadav's salvo against the Kerala government followed Union Home Minister Amit Shah's accusation that the Kerala government ignored IMD, CWC, and GSI warnings and did not put the administration on a war footing despite the Centre sending nine NDRF teams to the State in mid-July.

Meanwhile, twenty-seven unidentified bodies and 154 body parts of the victims of the landslides of Chooralmala and Mundakkai were buried on Monday.

The mass burial conducted in a cemetery prepared in the Harrisons Malayalam plantation followed an all-religion prayer. Eight unidentified bodies were buried on Sunday evening.

Politicians, Ministers, and government officials paid tributes to the victims. Six more bodies were recovered during a search on Monday, the seventh day after the tragedy, raising the death toll to 226 officially.

Five bodies were retrieved from Wayanad and one from the Chaliyar river at Nilambur.

(*With inputs from Delhi*)

Linguistic defect may defeat the intent of legislation: Karnataka HC

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Observing that a linguistic defect may defeat the intent of legislation, the High Court of Karnataka has said that legislative process has to be undertaken with a lot of care, caution, and expertise.

"Law speaks through language. If language is not properly employed, what is said is not what is meant; if what is said is not what is meant, what needs to be done remains undone or misdone. A linguistic defect thus may defeat the intent of legislation," the court observed.

A Division Bench comprising Justice Krishna S. Dixit and Justice Vijayakumar A Patil made these observations while taking note of the amendment made to the Karnataka Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prohibition of Transfer of Certain Lands) Act, 1978, in July 2023.

The Bench dismissed an appeal filed by Gowramma of Davangere, who had challenged the order passed by a single judge refusing to restore the land. Both the single judge and the Bench noted that it was not a land granted under the Act. The amendment had inserted clauses (c) and (d) to Section 5(1) of the Act to state that "notwithstanding anything contained in any law, there shall be no limitation of time to invoke the provisions of this Act".

Pointing out that "it hardly needs to be stated that at no point of time, the 1978 Act prescribed any period of limitation for moving application for the resumption of granted land after it is alienated," the Bench said that "the amendment Act that is made applicable with retrospective effect is only a duplication of the existing legal position."

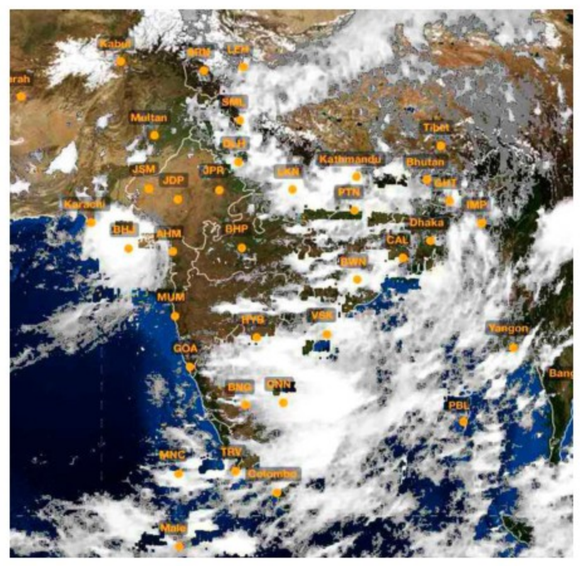
At the most, the amendments are are declaratory of what the statute has been all through, so far as the limitation period is concerned, the Bench observed.

"If the legislature intended to overcome the verdicts of the apex court on interpretation the Act over belated claims for resumption of lands granted under the Act, then the legislation would have employed a different terminology," the Division Bench said.

Noticing that the validity of the 2023 amendment is pending consideration before a single judge, the Division Bench made it clear that it has not discussed about the validity of the amendments but has "only placed its interpretation on the amended provisions of the Act".

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.6	26.8	Kozhikode	8	31.2	24.0
Ahmedabad	8	31.1	25.5	Kurnool	20	35.5	24.3
Aizawl	—	32.2	23.4	Lucknow	16	34.6	25.0
Allahabad	1	35.7	26.8	Madurai	4	36.3	24.6
Bengaluru	—	29.4	21.2	Mangaluru	23	29.9	23.4
Bhopal	20	29.4	23.6	Mumbai	12	31.3	26.0
Bhubaneswar	43.9	32.7	26.4	Mysuru	—	28.0	20.0
Chandigarh	—	35.6	28.6	New Delhi	5	33.4	26.0
Chennai	47	32.0	24.7	Patna	34.3	33.8	28.4
Coimbatore	—	32.0	23.0	Port Blair	0.5	30.3	25.0
Dehradun	21	33.4	24.4	Puducherry	13.5	32.9	23.4
Gangtok	2	22.2	18.7	Pune	38.7	27.8	22.9
Goa	12	31.4	26.4	Raipur	—	32.3	24.0
Guwahati	—	33.2	27.0	Ranchi	—	29.8	23.1
Hubballi	—	27.0	23.0	Shillong	4	22.7	17.9
Hyderabad	0.2	32.9	24.0	Shimla	—	25.8	21.6
Imphal	10	30.6	22.1	Srinagar	23	32.1	19.9
Jaipur	21	28.6	24.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.0	24.7
Kochi	3	31.2	24.8	Tiruchi	11	35.5	25.0
Kohima	3	24.5	18.0	Vijayawada	—	37.5	27.6
Kolkata	0.6	34.2	27.3	Visakhapatnam	—	33.2	28.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.31	.29	.58	——	..89	
Bengaluru	.11	.23	.46	..20	..89	
Chennai	..7	..—	.62	..160	..139	
Delhi	.16	...7	157	..17	...27	
Hyderabad	.11	.37	.81	..20	...44	
Kolkata	...8	.62	.23	..31	...45	
Lucknow	...8	.25	.73	..29	...58	
Mumbai	.27	.24	.24	..29	...43	
Pune	..—	.21	.88	..51	...44	
Visakhapatnam	...8	.47	.23	..46	..112	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bhagalpur, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 241 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Ashok should respond to Yatnal's charges, says Karnataka CM

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday asked Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok to respond to allegations levelled against BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra by senior BJP legislator Basanagouda Patil R. Yatnal before questioning the Congress government.

"The allegations levelled by Mr. Yatnal is of serious nature that includes corruption, conspiracy and favouritism. Even after such serious allegations are made, the BJP high command not taking any action against him seems to show that the Central leadership has also acknowledged them," the Chief Minister said on X.

BIAL issues passenger advisory

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The Bangalore International Airport Ltd. (BIAL) has issued a passenger advisory asking passengers to plan their travel to the airport in the wake of high-security measures being put in place at the Kempegowda International Airport.

BIAL said it is expecting surge in passenger volumes during the Independence day week.

"Passengers are advised to plan their travel to the airport to allow sufficient time for security checks," it said.

JUSTICE P.N.DESAI, ONE MAN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
Room No. 602, 6th Floor, New Kumara Krupa Guest House, Bengaluru-560 001.

NOTIFICATION Date: 05/08/2024

As the allegations relating to allotment of sites in the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) came to the notice of the Government, the Government of Karnataka, thought it fit to conduct an inquiry and decided to set up an Inquiry Commission headed by a retired High court Judge. Accordingly, the Government,in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 3(1) of the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952, vide Notification bearing No.HD 87 PCE 2024 dated 14.07.2024 has constituted **Justice P.N.Desai, One Man Commission of Inquiry** to inquire into the matters prescribed in the terms of reference as indicated in the Notification bearing No.HD 87 PCE 2024 dated 23.07.2024.The office of the Commission is located at **No. 602, 6th floor,new Kumara Krupa Guest House, Bengaluru-560 001.**

(i) How many layouts have been formed by the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) during the period from 2006 to July 15th of 2024? In all the layouts formed by the Authority, the extent of land which was not acquired under acquisition proceedings and the extent of land which has been left out and the extent of land utilized for formation of layouts without adhering to the land acquisition process;

(ii) In cases where the lands which were not subjected to any land acquisition process and left from the land acquisition proceedings were utilized for formation of layouts,what were the methods followed by the Authority for payment of compensation to the land owners? Whether the compensation so paid is in accordance with law?

(iii) Whether it is legally permissible to pay the compensation in the form of sites to the land owners who have lost their land and whose land has been utilised for formation of layout, without adhering to the land acquisition process?

(iv) To identity and report all the illegalities that might have occurred in the acquisition of land for formation of layouts and allotment of alternate sites by MUDA during the period from the year 2006 till 15th July, 2024 and also to give suitable suggestion.

(v) To identify the beneficiaries who were allotted sites illegally/alternate sites/illegal compensation in the form of sites/lands and to suggest necessary steps to prevent such illegalities and also to restore such sites, lands and compensation to MUDA.

(vi) If the sites/lands have been allotted as compensation illegally, to identify them and to suggest appropriate course of action.

(vii) Whether the various resolutions passed by MUDA regarding allotment of sites in lieu of compensation in respect of the land which was not acquired in accordance with law and taken possession of, is legal and binding?

(viii) To inquire into the illegalities in allotment of C.A sites by MUDA during the relevant period.

2. The Inquiry Commission has been conferred with all the powers under the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952 and Code of Civil procedure, vide Notifications bearing No.HD 87 PCE 2024 dated 14.07.2024 and 23.07.2024

3. Accordingly, all such materials which are relevant for the purpose of inquiry into the above terms of reference may be furnished by way of Written statement and authenticating the contents of the same through an affidavit duly sworn before the competent person/Authority. The written statement shall contain a concise narration of material facts which are relevant to the above terms of reference parawise. The accompanied affidavit shall throw light on the contents of written statement. In case, if any document is to be produced in support of the written statement and affidavit, the same shall be produced with the signature of the deponent in the document itself regarding its identity along with a list containing the description of the documents with date. The written statement, affidavit and documents to be so produced shall be accompanied with two sets of legible Xerox copies duly attested by the competent person.

4. The statement in writing, affidavit and documents shall be submitted in person to the Secretary of the Commission or any other officer/official authorized by the Secretary during office hours on all working days or through registered post acknowledgment due addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, No. 602, 6th Floor, new Kumara Krupa Guest House, Bengaluru-560 001.

5. The office of the commission of Inquiry functions on all days except Saturdays, Sundays and General Holidays declared by the Government of Karnataka. The office hours of the Commission will be from 10.30 a.m to 4.30 p.m with lunch break between 1.30 p.m to 2.00 p.m.

6. Persons filing statement in writing, affidavit and documents and the witnesses, if any, shown in the statement with correct name and full address, may be required to give evidence before the Commission of Inquiry, if needed, on being summoned on such date, place and time as may be fixed by the Commission. All such persons tendering evidence before the Commission of Inquiry would be entitled to protection as per Section 6 of the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952.

7. **The last date for submitting statement in writing, affidavit and documents, if any, is 30/08/2024.**

By order and in the name of Commission of Inquiry
Sd/-**(H.M.NANJUNDA SWAMY)**
SECRETARY
JUSTICE P.N.DESAI ONE MAN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Short-Term Tender is invited from eligible contractors registered in KPWD in Two Tender document system in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform for the following work. Description of works: **Construction of Health and Wellness Center (1) Nicchavanahalli, (2) Kadabagere (3) Madiagere in Harapanahali Tq (4) Malavi (5) Bannigolu (6) Mutkuru in Hagari Bommanahalli Tq (7) Moraba (8) Hegdalu (9) Dananayakannakere in Kudligi Tq in Vijayanagara District. (Call-2).** Approximate Estimate cost (Including GST): **Rs. 585.00 Lakhs.** EMD: **8.78 Lakhs.** Stipulated period for Completion (including monsoon): **6 months.**
Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **21.08.2024 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **22.08.2024 at 16.00 hrs.** The tender details can be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: 1. All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids / individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. 2. Henceforth, any changes in the schedule/contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru

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Name of work: Supply, Installation, System Integration, Operation & Maintenance of Smart Meters, Head End System Software (HES), RF/Cellular Communication Network as part of AMI Project in KSEBL Phase-1
Tender ID No. 2024_KSEB_682722_1
Tender No: CEIT/SM-P1/KSEBL/2024-25/03 dt 27.07.2024.
PAC: Rs.211 Cr, EMD: Rs. 5 Lakhs; Cost of Tender form: Rs.17,700/-; RfP Publishing Date: 30.07.2024
Pre-bid meeting: 12.08.2024; Last date of Bid Submission: 09.09.2024; Technical Bid Opening: 12.09.2024.

Name of work: - Supply, Installation, System Integration, Operation & Maintenance of Meter Data Management System (MDMS) Software as part of AMI Project in KSEBL
Tender ID No. 2024_KSEB_682736_1
Tender No: CEIT/SM-P2/MDMS/KSEBL/2024-25/04 dt 27.07.2024.
PAC: Rs.10 Cr, EMD: Rs. 5 Lakhs; Cost of Tender form: Rs.17,700/-; RfP Publishing Date: 01.08.2024
Pre-bid meeting: 16.08.2024; Last date of Bid Submission: 10.09.2024; Technical Bid Opening: 13.09.2024.

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On the edge

While protecting Israel, the West must also rein in Netanyahu

The killings of Fuad Shukr, a senior Hezbollah commander, in Beirut, and Ismail Haniyeh, the political chief of Hamas, in Tehran, within hours on July 30 have taken West Asia to the brink of a wider war. Israel has claimed the strike on Beirut that killed Shukr, but has neither confirmed nor denied its role in the assassination of Haniyeh, a standard approach about its operations inside Iran. Israel's northern border with Lebanon has remained tense ever since the Gaza war broke out last year with Hezbollah and the Israeli Defense Forces exchanging fire. After Shukr was killed, Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah said Israel had breached a red line, and the group has launched dozens of rockets over the past week, heightening the tensions. A bigger risk is the expected Iranian retaliation against Israel. When Israel bombed Iran's embassy complex in Damascus on April 1, Iran launched hundreds of drones and cruise and ballistic missiles towards Israel, most of which were shot down by a U.S.-led coalition. If Iran carried out such an attack in response to an Israeli strike on its embassy in a third country, it is unlikely to ignore a direct Israeli attack on its capital that killed an ally who was in Tehran to attend the presidential inauguration.

To be sure, by killing Haniyeh in Tehran, Israel has demonstrated its capabilities to pull off sophisticated operations even in hostile territories and exposed Iran's security and intelligence vulnerabilities. Israel has also sent a strong message to Hamas, which carried out the October 7, 2023 attack, that none of its leaders is safe. Yet, this unchecked militarism of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu could turn out to be counterproductive for Israel in the long run. It is now apparent that Mr. Netanyahu is not serious about peace. The killing of Haniyeh has come at a time when both Israel and Hamas were making progress in talks for a hostage-ceasefire deal. Haniyeh, who was living in exile in Doha, was a relatively moderate voice within Hamas who pushed for a ceasefire. By taking him out, Mr. Netanyahu is telling the world that he wants the war to continue. And, by carrying out the attack in Tehran, which is a flagrant violation of Iran's sovereignty, Mr. Netanyahu is practically challenging the Islamic Republic to retaliate. If a direct war breaks out between Israel and Iran, the U.S. could be dragged into it, which is what Israel wants. The Biden administration avoided such a disastrous outcome in April by reining in Israel after Iran's retaliation. But that did not stop Israel from launching another provocative attack against Iran, taking the region back to the brink again. As West Asia braces for Iran's retaliation, the U.S. and its allies should work together to make sure that the impact of its response on Israel would be minimal, and then put in place new rules of the game for Israel so that it does not threaten regional security again as it did on April 1 or July 30.

On target

Indian shooters lived up to expectations in Paris Olympics

Ever since Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore won the silver medal in the men's double trap shooting at the Athens Olympics in 2004, Indian shooters have always dealt with the pressure of expectations. The stress quadrupled when Abhinav Bindra won the gold in the 10m air rifle category in the 2008 Beijing Games. This success was replicated in the 2012 London Games with Gagan Narang winning the bronze in the 10m air rifle shooting while Vijay Kumar did one better, seizing the silver in the 25m rapid fire pistol competition. And then followed the inexplicable drought in shooting during the subsequent editions at Rio de Janeiro and Tokyo. Cut to the latest Paris Games, where all doubts pertaining to whether the shooters would hit bullseye were emphatically laid to rest as 22-year-old Manu Bhaker became the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal in shooting. It was also Manu's turn to exorcise the ghosts of the past as in the previous Tokyo Games she faltered as an equipment malfunction affected her performance. First up, Manu claimed the bronze in the 10m air pistol. Later she combined with Sarabjot Singh to win another bronze in the mixed 10m air pistol segment. A hat-trick though proved elusive as she finished fourth in the 25m pistol final.

Manu's success is a testimony to the rapid strides that Indian shooting has made besides being a tribute to an efficient system that the sporting fraternity has established. Manu is following the path that predecessors Anjali Bhagwat and Suma Shirur, presently a head coach too, had carved. Those were days when funds were meagre and, at times, awkward questions were asked about carrying firearms at airports as the knowledge of shooting as a sport was low. Anjali and Suma did not win an Olympics medal but they inspired their juniors to follow the sport with passion. Manu linking up with her former coach Jaspal Rana, an ace shooter himself, helped add a new dimension. Shooting demands still hands, a sharp eye and a zen mind, and finally Manu revealed that she was in the zone while aiming at the target. Her traits were evident in Swapnil Kusale too as he won bronze in the men's 50m rifle three positions event. Equally, Arjun Babuta's fourth-place finish in the men's 10m air rifle final was a pointer to shooting's razor thin margins that split ecstasy and agony. There was more grief too in archery, as India continued to fail at the Olympics with Deepika Kumari and company often stumbling at the business end.

The social benefits of stock market speculation

Prashanth Perumal

The Government of India, in its Budget, raised taxes on both short-term and long-term capital gains made in the stock market and also raised the securities transaction tax on derivatives transactions.

The fundamental belief behind the idea of imposing higher taxes on stock market profits is that gains from stock market speculation are akin to gains from gambling. In fact, the Economic Survey released a day prior to the Budget argued that unlike developed countries, a developing country such as India cannot afford to waste its limited savings on stock market speculation. Finance Secretary T.V. Somanathan even noted that capital gains could be taxed at higher rates as it is currently the fastest-growing income class.

Capital gains made in the stock market are somehow seen as easy profits earned by investors without providing any useful service to society. Similar disdain is also shown when the owner of a piece of real estate profits from a rise in the price of his or her property – as is evident in the removal of indexation benefits for real estate investors in the recent Budget. This is not surprising because many believe that when an investor buys an asset and sells it at a higher price in the future, he does not add any value to society in the process. In fact, capital gains are seen as a major reason behind growing inequality and taxing such gains is deemed good for society. The truth, however, is very different from this belief.

How capital gains occur

To understand why, one must first consider how capital gains occur in an economy. In a world where investors could perfectly forecast the future cash flow from different assets, there would be no capital gains because it would then be impossible for any investor to buy an asset at a price that is cheaper than its fair value. Here is an explanation, with a very simple example. Suppose investors knew very precisely that a business (or any other asset) would yield a one-time cash flow of ₹110 a year from now and they wanted a minimum annual return of 10%. Competition among investors to purchase the business would ensure that any buyer would have to pay ₹100 for it or risk losing it to other potential buyers. In such a Utopian world, there would be no opportunity for any investor to purchase the business for, let us say, ₹50 and sell it later at its fair value of ₹100 to earn a profit (or capital gains) of 100%.

The real world, of course, is far from perfect as the future is often uncertain. Hence, forecasts about the future cash flow of businesses can, at times, vary a lot. This basically means that investors may end up over-investing in certain businesses when compared to the likely future cash flow of these businesses, leading to overvaluation. They may also under-invest in other businesses, leading to undervaluation. Investors who put their money in undervalued businesses have the chance to earn capital gains when other investors finally recognise the fair value of these businesses and bid up their prices. So, an investor who makes capital gains is essentially one who deploys his capital efficiently into businesses whose future cash flow justifies the investment. An investor who suffers capital losses, on the other hand, is one who misallocates capital into businesses whose future cash flow does not justify the investment.

> A better understanding of the benefits of stock market speculation – erroneously viewed as akin to gambling – can lead to better public policy

This lesson has important social implications. An economy that allocates a large part of its capital inefficiently would be poorer than another economy that allocates its capital more efficiently. This is because the way capital is allocated also determines how scarce resources are allocated towards satisfying different ends of society. Imagine if, during a pandemic such as COVID-19, investors in a country allocated most of their capital into building cruise ships and passenger aircraft which very few people want during a pandemic rather than building new hospitals and testing facilities that are in high demand. Such a country, where investors misallocated capital, would be directing its resources in an inefficient way than another economy where investors correctly prioritised health care over less important sectors. While a uniform tax on capital gains across all businesses may help prevent such resource misallocation, higher tax collections will still affect private incentives and the size of the overall economic pie.

The issue of 'gambling instincts'

Now, some may dispute that the argument above, for the benefits of speculation, does not apply to most of the buying and selling that happens in the stock market. When a retail investor buys a share of a business, they rightly say, the investor's cash often does not actually go into the balance sheet of the business but into the hands of the previous owner. What these critics do not understand, however, is that in many cases, early investors may not even be keen in investing in a business unless there is an active market such as the stock exchange where they could readily sell their shares to potential buyers in the future. The Centre says it wants to encourage long-term investing in companies by raising the tax on short-term capital gains. But it does not understand that without traders with "gambling instincts", who regularly buy and sell stocks in the short-term, there would not be sufficient liquidity in the market for many long-term investors to easily sell their stocks.

Further, a highly liquid market also ensures that the shares of businesses are priced as accurately as possible. The efficient pricing of the shares of companies can help ensure that companies with promising prospects are able to raise funds more easily than companies with shaky prospects, thus aiding the efficient allocation of resources.

It is worse for derivatives

Meanwhile, gains that speculators make from derivatives such as futures and options suffer an even worse reputation than the more straightforward capital gains made from trading shares. But again, disdain towards derivatives speculation also comes from a lack of understanding of its social benefits.

Derivatives are contracts that allow investors to buy or sell an underlying asset such as a stock at a predetermined price in the future. In other words, these instruments allow one group of investors to offload the risk associated with changes in the price of an asset onto another group of investors who are willing to assume the risk. So, derivatives basically help in the transfer of risk among investors. It should be noted that without derivatives, many investors would simply not be willing to make many investments at all. A great example is of a farmer who may have the skills to produce agricultural output but not the skill or the risk appetite to forecast the future prices of his produce. In the absence of futures contracts that can assure the farmer a certain price for his produce in the future, the farmer will likely be discouraged from producing any output at all due to the risk of potential price fluctuations.

Derivatives trading can often look like pure gambling. This is particularly so in cases where neither party to the contract has any intention to ever actually buy or sell the underlying asset but purely wants to bet on changes in the price of the asset. Such bets on the price of an underlying asset can seem to be no different from bets placed on the outcome of a game of cricket or football. But note that such pure speculative bets in derivatives are not very different from much of the trading that happens in the cash market, where both the buyer and the seller of a stock may – unlike fundamental investors – trade without any long-term interest in the underlying business. We have seen that such active trading in stocks can be socially beneficial as it offers crucial liquidity to long-term investors who want to buy or sell based on fundamentals. Similarly, traders who bet in derivatives for purely speculative reasons help improve the availability of these instruments to fundamental investors who want to manage risk.

A better understanding of these benefits of stock market speculation can lead to better public policy.

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The issue of institutional violence, addressing it

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India's electoral process presents a dichotomy. Six hundred and forty-two million voters, more than half of whom were female, cast a vote in the largest democratic process in action in the world. Yet, in a country where 90 rapes are reported everyday, very few among the 2,823 candidates who stood for elections, had women's safety on their electoral agenda. For those that did, all were sporadic and none tackled the underlying institutional violence that millions of survivors live through everyday.

This dichotomy is real: nearly 50% women face domestic violence and two out of three Dalit women face sexual violence in their lifetimes. Yet, not just political parties ignored this. Even voters did not seem to demand it.

Prolonged and worse

Gender-based violence is incorrectly presumed to be one specific act of violence, often by an intimate partner at the household level, that politicians cannot address. However, in a white paper developed through 200-plus hours of interviews and discussions with lived experts, we found that the institutional violence on survivors is often prolonged and worse than the specific act of gender-based violence itself. This is where voters and politicians can make a vital difference.

Institutional violence against survivors starts even before the reporting process, influencing their decision to come forward. For example, a report published in 2019 by J-PAL, a global policy think tank, showed that 39% of officers in India think that complaints of gender-based violence are usually baseless. With a brutal police system, a decades-long traumatic judicial system and no hope of justice, a vicious cycle of violence is maintained.

Women only seek justice when their circumstances become unbearable. Despite one in two women facing intimate partner violence, India has one of the lowest divorce rates in the world at 1%. A report estimated that 77% of women in India remain silent, even to their closest relatives, about the violence they endure.

> Voters and politicians have the power to highlight the issue and make a difference

"A woman once approached us with bleeding veins," said Ranjita, Founder of Samarthya, a Denotified Nomadic Tribal youth and women-led organisation. "We accompanied her to the police station to file a complaint, and the cops told us to step aside so they could talk to her alone. They tried to dissuade her from filing the report and sent us around to different police stations. When she still wanted to report, they accused us of coercing her... Now, they tell us that since she comes from the neighbouring State of Karnataka, this case is out of their jurisdiction. These are the challenges we face with the justice system."

Problems in rural India

In rural India, male and upper-caste dominated panchayats add an additional set of barriers for women to seek justice. Divorce is almost never an option: India has a backlog of 40 million court cases and this particularly impacts survivors of gender-based violence, even more so survivors from marginalised communities with pre-existing systemic inequities due to their caste, literacy and geography.

"Getting justice in India can lead to a lot of injustice," says Ranjita.

We, as a country, have lost hope. This is where bureaucrats and elected leaders can come in and make a difference by creating survivor-centric institutions.

For years, social impact organisations have been taking up this responsibility to train police and members of the judicial system to adopt a trauma-informed lens. For example, Vanangna, a women-led organisation in Bundelkhand trains government officials, including the police and law enforcement, on women-centric and survivor-centric processes. We need to adopt these learnings at a national level, and we need the wisdom of survivors of violence, especially those from historically marginalised communities, to help us design and validate a just system.

Strong laws, weak implementation

India has strong domestic violence laws, yet, implementation has been a colossal failure due to inept officials and archaic processes. This is unsurprising because the officials come from the very society that has condoned violence. We need a national reimagination and improvisation of our justice institutions by leveraging the learnings of organisations such as Vanangna, to make them trauma-informed and focused on healing.

We also need more data and more stories to be shared publicly. For decades, institutional violence has been amplified by a lack of data. It is impossible to truly understand how often and how many women are being denied access to justice.

Granted, the recent updates to criminal law procedures heavily focus on timeliness and ease of access through digital means. However, this needs to be accompanied by gender-sensitive training and monitoring and evaluation measures to ensure staff have a trauma-informed approach when working with survivors of violence.

Voters and politicians have the power to shine a light on the issue and make a massive difference. For example, with the widespread government campaign to promote education of girls, we have seen a massive national shift in enrolment of girls in school.

For such a shift to happen in the small and large institutions of our country where survivors of violence no longer fear the repercussions of accessing justice, we, as voters, must demand our rights.

Our women deserve safety and dignity.

We must fight for it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Yamini Krishnamurthy

With Yamini Krishnamurthy's passing, we have lost someone who was possibly the most outstanding Bharatanatyam dancer in recent times. I recall that I was responsible for bringing her to Delhi and presenting her to Delhi audiences. When the newly built Ashoka Hotel was ready, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had specifically said that we should have a strong cultural wing so that it becomes more than just a hotel — rather, a cultural centre for the capital. It was in this context that we invited Professor Krishnamurthy and his daughter to come to Delhi. Her advent created quite a sensation. The sheer energy that she put into her *jatis* with her intricate footwork was a joy to see. Happily she stayed on in Delhi for several decades and received three Padma Awards, going up to the Padma Vibhushan. Her Kuchipudi was also superb and in fact along with Raja and Radha Reddy whom we also presented at Ashoka Hotel, they introduced this second great South Indian classical dance form to Delhi audiences. Unfortunately, her health faded towards the end and she has passed away. But her memory will always remain with people who had the privilege of seeing her dance for several decades.

Karan Singh,
New Delhi

Bangladesh crisis

The unprecedented turmoil in Bangladesh, which has led to the fleeing of the Bangladesh Prime Minister, clearly indicates public wrath that has been brewing for some time. The volatile situation in a neighbouring country should be a cause for concern given the bonhomie between New Delhi and Dhaka. As of now, it should be a wait and watch policy for India. Politicians in India should be aware of the state of the youth given concerns about unemployment in India.

G. Ramasubramanyam,
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

The instability in Bangladesh — though it has different dimensions — resonates with the turmoil that Sri Lanka underwent a couple of years ago. Such instability in India's immediate neighbourhood causes innumerable threats which may have spillover effects. With the burial of SAARC, there is concern over stability in the region.

M. Rishidev,
Dindigul, Tamil Nadu

Powering India's future

In her seventh consecutive Budget speech, the Finance Minister announced measures indicating India's commitment to its clean energy transition. These measures include developing policies on pumped hydro storage, and energy transition pathways to support nuclear energy and energy efficiency. Yet, the memories of this summer's record-breaking heatwaves, which drove up power demand, are still fresh. They reflect both a growing economy and a warming climate. What will it take to keep India's economy powered?

For the NDA government, energy security and the clean energy transition have been the priorities. This is evident from three key milestones India has achieved in the last decade. First, near-universal electrification through the Saubhagya scheme, with independent surveys by the Council on Energy, Environment, and Water (CEEW) suggesting that approximately 97% of households were electrified in 2020. Second, the country saw a five-fold increase in installed renewable energy (RE) capacity, making India the fourth-largest country globally by RE capacity. Third, there was a 40% drop in aggregate losses of power distribution companies (discoms), to an all-time low of about 15% in 2022-23. These indicate that the base of the Indian power sector is strengthening. However, India confronts challenges in decarbonising its power system at speed and scale while supplying quality and affordable power to consumers.

Moreover, India's power sector must prepare for stronger headwinds. Our annual electricity demand has been growing by 7-9% every year since the COVID-19 pandemic, But our peak demand is rising even faster. Climate change-induced weather extremes further exacerbate these challenges. For discoms, meeting unplanned surges through affordable options and existing network capacity is challenging, resulting in power outages.

Shalu Agrawal

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Investing in a cleaner, flexible, and resilient power grid will help our economy grow sustainably and create jobs in the clean energy sectors

To address the concerns

First, the government must raise targets for renewable energy and storage systems to go beyond 500 GW in 2030. Despite past efforts to add renewable capacity, its share in India's power generation mix is just 13%. Previous power supply shortages and expectations of rising energy demand have driven policymakers to bet on new coal capacity. Instead, we must strive to raise the share of renewables in India's power generation mix and scale up storage solutions. Renewables and storage can support peak demand, are cost-competitive, and are faster to build.

Second, steer faster deployment of diverse clean energy resources. In 2023 alone, China added 300 GW of solar and wind capacity, while the European Union added 73 GW. As of March, India's cumulative renewable capacity stood at 144 GW, with another 128 GW in the pipeline. This comparison indicates the urgency of deploying clean resources at speed and scale. This requires tapping the RE potential in more States as well as faster grid connectivity and access to suitable, conflict-free land for the timely commissioning of projects. Diversifying from solar energy to other clean technologies would also help India meet its evolving demand.

Third, implement measures to improve the availability of energy. During FY23, only 6.3% of India's power generation was procured through power exchanges, with the rest coming through bilateral agreements. The low liquidity (volume being traded) in the power exchange presents price volatility risks. This restricts both buyers and sellers from relying on the exchange for power procurement and value recovery, and in turn, constrains our ability to integrate renewables at scale. India needs innovation in bid designs to attract RE developers to sell power in the exchange, besides setting up capacities for long-term contracts. For instance, under the RE Implementation Agency-led bidding process, RE developers may be required to build part of the project capacities for merchant sale, beyond the bid quantum for long-term contracts.

Fourth, ensure effective maintenance and utilisation of the coal fleet. Even as we add more renewables, coal plays an important role. CEEW's analysis of MERIT data shows that, in FY24, more than 210 GW of coal capacity generated about 80% of the power during non-solar hours. However, more than 40 GW of coal capacity was unavailable for nearly 60% of the time that year, due to planned maintenance or technical faults. State regulators must revise the norms to enable timely upkeep of the coal fleet and compensate for investments to make select coal plants flexible.

Finally, fast-track digitalisation to empower discoms and consumers to play an active role in India's energy transition. Smart meters would enable discoms to forecast power demand accurately, plan networks better, and integrate renewables cost-effectively. More than 11 million smart meters have already been installed in India, with half of these in Bihar and Assam. However, India's smart metering drive is far from the 250 million target. Discoms must overcome their hesitation and take inspiration from Bihar and Assam, which are already reaping benefits like reduced losses and timely bill delivery to consumers through smart metering. But keeping consumer privacy and system preparedness against cyberattacks at the heart of regulations and digitalisation efforts would be crucial.

All eyes are on the Indian government to deliver in this critical decade. Investing in a cleaner, flexible, and resilient power grid will help our economy grow sustainably and create jobs in the clean energy sectors.

Views expressed are personal

Maharashtra Prisons Bill: a hit or miss?

The Bill addresses issues like overcrowding and poor conditions in prisons

STATE OF PLAY

Isha Prakash

On July 12, the Maharashtra State government drafted and tabled the Maharashtra Prisons and Correctional Services Bill, 2024, in the State Legislative Assembly's monsoon session. Although the Bill was not passed, the State Cabinet has now approved its passage as an Ordinance. It will be sent to the Centre for approval and will require the President's nod.

As 'Prisons' fall under the State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, it is within the exclusive domain of State governments to legislate on and regulate prisons in their jurisdiction. Currently, prisons in most States including Maharashtra, are governed by the colonial Prisons Act of 1894 and underlying rules passed at the State level.

To improve prison governance, the Union government finalised the Model Prisons and Correctional Services Act, 2023 (Model Bill) in May 2023, and urged States to adopt it. The Bill addresses aspects ranging from staffing to technology to mental health in prisons.

According to data published by the State's Prison Department, Maharashtra has over 60 prisons including nine central, 28 district, and 19 open prisons.

As of May 31, 2024, these prisons house over 40,428 prisoners against the sanctioned strength of 27,110, indicating around 50% overcrowding. It has ranked amongst the top five States with the most prisoners and under trials.

The State-level prison rules were passed between 1962 and 1979. These rules have occasionally been amended but they are neither sufficient nor easily available. Combined with the number of custodial deaths, petitions filed, and poor prison conditions, this makes a compelling case for why prison reforms are undeniably needed.

The new Bill

The new Maharashtra Bill has adopted several provisions from the Model Bill and has some additional provisions. One such provision is the role of the convict overseer. A convict overseer is a prisoner selected by the authorities and given certain supervisory powers. In turn, they are entitled to benefits such as higher remission. While this is still practised in a few States, it has been severely criticised.

Moreover, the Bill states that all convict overseers will be 'public servants' under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

A public servant usually refers to a government official and will grant them certain privileges, duties, and powers. While there is a similar provision in the Prisons Act, 1894, the Model Bill is silent in this regard. Thus, the State government must assess the relevance of such a clause in current times.

Another feature is the constitution of a 'Prisons and Correctional Services Force'. It will comprise the Director General of Prisons, the Special Inspector General of Prisons, the Jailer, and other officers. Some powers specified in the Bill include the authority to use allotted weapons as required, make arrests without a warrant or Magistrate's order, and so on. As no such body has been envisaged under the Model Bill or by any other State, it is unclear how this would play out in reality. Given the shift towards a rehabilitative justice system, measures must be taken to curb unchecked power and provide for a more humane approach to incarceration.

While the Model Bill proposes the creation of a welfare fund for the prisoners, this Bill entails the creation of a welfare fund for prison staff and another for prisoners. As funds for both will come from the State government, implementation might be difficult. For staff, the Model Bill proposes a staff welfare wing for implementing welfare initiatives. It might be more effective if the State government made prisoners the sole beneficiaries of the welfare fund.

Despite being passed 130 years ago, the Prisons Act of 1894 continues to be in force in multiple States.

The State government's attempt to transform the prison system is, thus, a much-needed step in the right direction. While there is scope for improvement, the Bill has provisions concerning transgender prisoners and an Undertrial Review Committee, amongst others.

With focused stakeholder consultations and a few changes, this could be a perfect opportunity for Maharashtra to begin the long overdue process of overhauling the prison system in the State.

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Hasina's paradoxical rule — economic progress, democratic regression

Indicators measuring political rights and civil liberties declined drastically under her 15-time rule

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Team

The protests against currently deposed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina – who has been in power since 2009 in Bangladesh – seeking her resignation indicate the level of anger that has grown following a clear erosion of civil liberties and rights in contrast to the notable progress made in various socio-economic parameters during her long tenure.

Ms. Hasina tendered her resignation and fled the country after renewed violence and clashes between government supporters and protestors. Last month, students led protests against quotas in government jobs benefiting families of freedom fighters who took part in the Bangladesh War of Liberation. After 150 people were killed during the agitation, the Supreme Court of Bangladesh had done away with most of the quotas in question. However, protests were renewed with calls for Ms. Hasina's resignation owing to her regime's use of excessive use of violence, closure of educational institutions, and internet clampdown to suppress the student-led agitation.

Ms. Hasina's resignation marks a steep fall for a leader whose regime's use of measures to curb civil liberties and the opposition is in sharp contrast to its economic policies. Her government deserves credit for various economic measures such as strengthening infrastructure in the country by providing electricity to remote villages and building highways, railway lines, and ports.

The country's GDP per capita (current U.S.$), surpassed India's in 2023, as shown in **Chart 1**. The rapid increase in the measure post-2003 is visible. The economic growth also translated to better outcomes in education and health.

The country's Human Development Index also surpassed India's in 2020 and stood just behind Sri Lanka in the region **(Chart 2)**. The country's Infant Mortality rate also drastically reduced from 151.4 in 1973 (behind India) to 24.1 in 2022 (ahead of India), as shown in **Chart 3**.

In contrast to the rapid progress in socio-economic measures, the nation's indicators which measure political rights, political pluralism, civil liberties, organisational rights, rule of law, and personal autonomy have all declined in recent years.

Chart 4 shows Bangladesh's scores in such parameters over the last decade, based on ratings by Freedom House. In each category, the maximum score is four and the minimum score is one, or zero if no rights exist at all.

The 76-year-old leader became the world's longest-serving female head of government, when Ms. Hasina won a fourth consecutive term in January this year, in an election boycotted by the main Opposition who claimed the polls were not free and fair.

As **Chart 4** shows, all indicators measuring political rights and political pluralism, such as "Was the head of government elected free and fairly?", "Are electoral laws implemented impartially?", "Is there the right to organise political parties?", and "Is there an opportunity for the opposition to gain power through polls?", have recorded a drastic decline in the past decade.

The Freedom of Press index, already poor, suffered a further drop in the second half of 2010. That protestors were met with excessive violence recently was not surprising, given that the nation's score in "freedom of assembly" declined.

Ratings also showed that people were afraid to air opinions on sensitive issues, with the independence of the judiciary taking a beating. Indeed the rule by Ms Hasina in Bangladesh can only be termed a paradox.

With inputs from AP, Reuters

Boon and bane

The data for the charts are sourced from the World Bank, the Human Development Reports, and Freedom House

Chart 1: Various countries' GDP per capita (current U.S.$) over the years

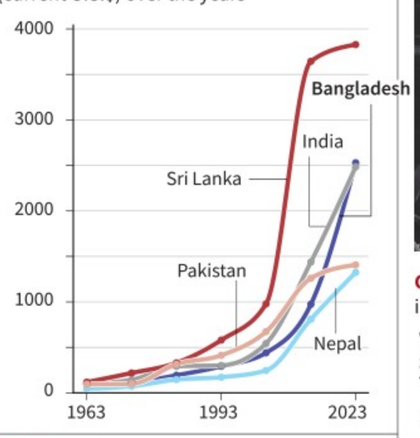


Chart 2: Various countries' Human Development Index over the years

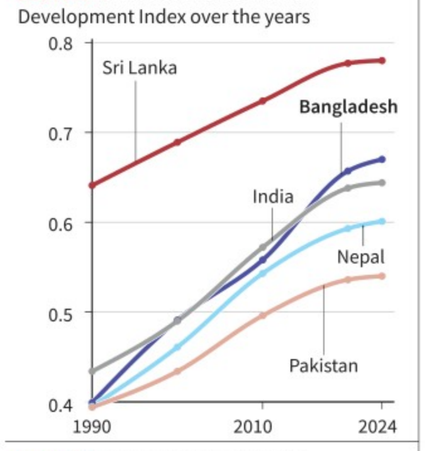
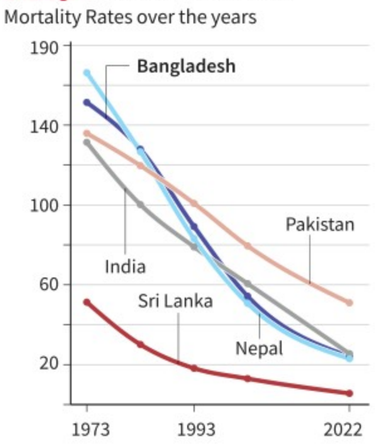
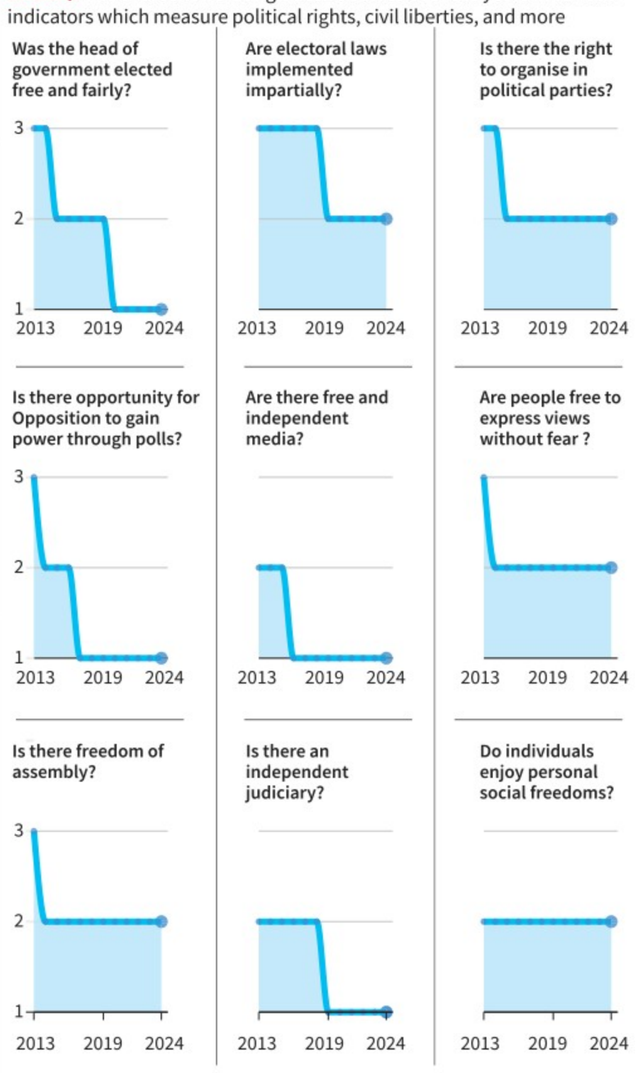


Chart 3: Various countries' Infant Mortality Rates over the years



People celebrate Bangladeshi PM Sheikh Hasina's resignation in Dhaka, on Monday. REUTERS

Chart 4: The chart shows Bangladesh's scores over the years in various indicators which measure political rights, civil liberties, and more



FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 6, 1974

Govt. to study plea to end ban on donation to parties

New Delhi, August 5: The Government will give "thought" to the demand for lifting the ban on company donations to political parties, the Minister for Law and Company Affairs, Mr. H. R. Gokhale, said in the Lok Sabha today.

Mr. Gokhale was replying to the general debate on the Companies (Amendment) Bill during which a Congress member, Mr. N.P.K. Salve had demanded repeal of the provision banning company contributions to political parties.

Mr. Gokhale said that he would not say that he would not say anything more on this subject except that "we will give thought to this."

The House later passed the Bill after incorporating several amendments.

The Minister vigorously defended the proposal to take away certain powers from courts and vest them in the Company Law Board and said that this had been done on the basis of the recommendations of two high-power bodies.

Regarding the criticism that this might delay the disposal of cases, Mr. Gokhale said that the Bill made provision for increasing the number of members of the Board to nine.

There could be different benches of the Board at different places.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 6, 1924

Call for relief.

Kumbakonam, August 6: It is understood that His Excellency Lord Goschen will visit the flooded areas in the district on or about the 15th instant and that the District Collector has issued orders for the roads to be put in a state of repair in view of His Excellency's visit. The advisability of this is questioned and it has been suggested that the roads ought to be left as they are and His Excellency carried across in a palanquin so that he may have some idea of the havoc wrought by the floods.

The resentment in the public mind at Shiyali about the apathy of local officials is happily not seen here. Everybody whom I have seen has expressed his very great admiration for the prompt and good work done in preventing breaches in several places and in rescue work in the affected villages.

From Page One

As protests surge, Hasina quits, flees Bangladesh

National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Chief of the Indian Air Force Western Air Command Air Marshal P.M. Sinha met Ms. Hasina at Hindon.

Ms. Hasina is expected to stay in India for a night or two as she awaits approval for asylum in the U.K., an official source said. The Indian High Commission staff continue to remain in Dhaka, sources confirmed.

Protesters joining from different parts of Dhaka were seen storming Gonobhaban, overturning furniture, smashing glass doors, and taking away various items.

They were also seen dancing and chanting slogans against Ms. Hasina on the premises of the Prime Minister's residence and elsewhere in Dhaka.

(With inputs from The Hindu Bureau in Delhi; Rabiul Alam is a freelance journalist based in Dhaka)

L-G can nominate 10 aldermen to MCD: SC

Justice Narasimha did not agree with senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, appearing for Delhi, that the power of the L-G was both semantic and a "relic of the past". Mr. Singhvi had argued that the national capital had a democratically elected government, which should be allowed to run its own municipal administration without interference from the L-G office. "This is a law made by the Parliament... The law requires the L-G to exercise power," the court noted.

The legal question before the court was whether the L-G could nominate the 10 persons as a part of the statutory duty of his office or was he bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers.

"The statutory power under Section 3(3)(b)(1) to name the 10 persons of special knowledge was vested in the L-G for the first time through the 1993 amendments to the DMC Act, 1957 in order to incorporate constitutional changes in Articles 239AA and 239AB (provisions which deal with the establishment of the Delhi government) of the Constitution in Part 9A concerning municipal administration," Justice Narasimha observed.

The power of the L-G to nominate is expressly given in the DMC Act, a parliamentary law.

"The L-G is to act as per the mandate of a statute and not guided by aid and advice of the Council of Ministers," the court held.

Fugitive 'baba' runs out of luck, lands in CBI net

Following his trail, the sleuths reached Rudrapur only to find that Mr. Rao had fled in 2016.

The CBI said from Uttarakhand Mr. Rao travelled to Aurangabad in Maharashtra where his new avatar was that of Swami Vidhitatmanand Teertha at an ashram in Verul village. There he got another Aadhaar card and made several people his disciples. He lived there till December 2021 and disappeared after allegedly cheating the ashram of ₹70 lakh.

The 'godman' fled to Bharatpur, Rajasthan, where he stayed till July 8, 2024, and then reached Tirunelveli to stay with a disciple when the CBI nabbed him, having tracked their target down through 'technical intelligence'.

"During the entire period, he had changed contact numbers some eight to 10 times. His wife had obtained a stay from the High Court of Telangana on efforts to attach his property," a CBI official said. Mr. Rao was produced before a CBI special court in Hyderabad on Sunday that sent him to judicial custody till August 16. His trial will begin soon.

'Nearly 36,000 people got govt. jobs in J&K in 5 years'

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Nearly 36,000 people got government jobs in the past five years in Jammu and Kashmir after the special status of the former State was read down on August 5, 2019 under Article 370 of the Constitution, government sources said. No such recruitment was however done in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Since August 2019, Jammu and Kashmir received ₹5,600 crore private investment, while ₹7,000 crore investment is expected in the future, a source added.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that the "transformative decision" [revocation of Article 370] has ushered in a new era of empowerment for marginalised sections and strengthened grassroots democracy in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

"The region's youth have driven socio-economic growth and cultural revival, making the Modi government's efforts to foster peace and comprehensive development a grand success. We thank Modi*ji* for this landmark decision and reaffirm our dedication to advancing the region's aspirations and transformative progress," Mr. Shah said on social media platform X.

Revocation of Article 370 a 'watershed moment': Modi

The Prime Minister says that the move started a new era of progress in the Union Territory; Congress says BJP's policy on J&K neither respects *Kashmiriyat* nor upholds *Jamhuriyat*

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Marking the fifth anniversary of the reading down of Article 370 of the Constitution, which accorded special status to Jammu and Kashmir, Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the step as a "watershed moment in the nation's history" that started "a new era of progress" in the Union Territory.

Targeting the Modi government over its claims on the revocation of Article 370, the Congress demanded that the Assembly elections be conducted as per the Supreme Court deadline.

In a post on social media platform X, Mr. Modi said, "I assure the people of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh that our government will keep working for them and fulfil their aspirations in the coming times".

He said the move to scrap the provisions meant that the Constitution was implemented at these places in letter and spirit, in line with the vision of the great men and women who had made the Constitution.

"With abrogation came security, dignity and opportunity for women, youth, backward, tribal and marginalised communities, who were deprived of the fruits of development. At the same time, it has ensured that corruption, which plagued Jammu and Kashmir for decades, has been kept at bay," he added.

Tight security: An official standing guard on the fifth anniversary of the removal of special status for J&K, in Srinagar. IMRAN NISSAR

Hitting back, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge alleged that the BJP's policy on J&K and Ladakh neither respected *Kashmiriyat* (Kashmiri identity) nor upholds *Jamhuriyat* (democracy).

'Reality is different'

"The Modi government had claimed that this move would help to fully integrate Jammu and Kashmir, boost economic development of the region and prevent terrorism and separatism. However, the reality is starkly different," the Congress chief said.

He claimed that there have been 683 fatal terror attacks, resulting in the martyrdom of 258 security personnel and the loss of 170 civilian lives.

There have been 25 terror attacks in the Jammu region since Mr. Modi took oath as Prime Minister for the third time and these attacks have claimed the lives of 15 soldiers and injured 27 others, Mr. Kharge added.

"Targeted killings of Kashmiri Pandits have become a norm in the past few years," he charged.

Talking about unemployment in J&K, he said it stands at 10%, while 65% of government department posts remained vacant since 2019. And despite the introduction of the New Industrial Policy in 2021, a mere 3% of investments have materialised on the ground and 40% of projects under the PM's Development Package remain pending, Mr. Kharge said.

"Jammu and Kashmir's net State domestic product (NSDP) growth rate has declined from 13.28% (April 2015-March 2019) to 8.73% post-2019. The people of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh yearn for normalcy, a sentiment they conveyed to Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra," the Congress chief said.

"We demand that elections are held according to the deadline set by the Supreme Court so that people can elect their own representatives, secure constitutional rights and put a full stop to this mechanism of being 'ruled by bureaucracy'. The Indian National Congress stands firmly with the people of these regions, which are an integral part of India," Mr. Kharge asserted.

Placed under house arrest, say leaders of NC and PDP

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Several leaders of regional parties in Jammu and Kashmir, including former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, on Monday accused the Lieutenant-Governor's Administration of placing them under house arrest on Monday.

Iltija Mufti, Peoples Democratic Party leader and Ms. Mehbooba's daughter, accused the police of locking up the family's residence in Srinagar. "If Kashmir is as normal as the GOI claims it to be, why does the J&K Police place us under illegal house arrest on 5th August every year? Cops or new age jailers?" she said. Ms. Mehbooba said August 5, 2019 would go down in history "not just as a dark day for J&K but as a blot on Indian democracy".

National Conference leader Tanvir Sadiq also claimed that he had been placed under house arrest. "I have been detained at home, which was completely unnecessary. I needed to leave for some work, but police outside my gate prevented me from doing so. This is unwarranted and illegal," he said.

Several other PDP and NC leaders also claimed they were not allowed to leave their residences.

Opposition to step up pressure to slash GST on health insurance

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Stepping up pressure on the government to reduce GST on health insurance policies, the Opposition will hold a protest on Tuesday in Parliament.

Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien raised the issue in Parliament on Monday.

Mr. O'Brien, speaking during the Zero Hour in the Rajya Sabha, referred to a letter written to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman by senior BJP leader and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari making a similar demand.

"The demand is straightforward. Reduce the 18% GST on medical and health insurance. We should reduce it because this is an issue which is burdening people, mainly the middle class," said Mr. O'Brien.

The Trinamool leader pointed out that insurance penetration in India is low at 4% compared to more than 7% globally.

Further, he said there is an imbalance in the insurance sector, where 75% are life insurance policies and 25% are medical insurance policies.

Mr. O'Brien also rejected the argument that the GST Council alone could bring in the change.

"We must not allow the Finance Minister to hide behind the curtain of the GST Council. This is a middle-class issue. This is not a political issue," he said.

LS passes Bill to allow expenditure for FY 2024-25

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha on Monday approved about ₹ 140 lakh crore in expenditure demands by different Ministries, completing two-thirds of the legislative approvals needed for the full Budget for 2024-25.

The Lower House approved the Demands for Grants as well as the Appropriation (No 2) Bill 2024, which authorises the government to use certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 2024-25.

This followed a guillotine being applied after taking up a discussion on Demands for Grants for four Ministries.

NPAs on Mudra loans have come down in 2023-24, says Nirmala

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The non-performing assets (NPA) associated with Mudra loans given out by public sector banks have come down in the current financial year, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman informed the Lok Sabha on Monday.

Nirmala Sitharaman

She said in 2023-24, the NPAs on Mudra loans had declined to 3.4%, a significant improvement from 4.77% in 2020-21, 4.89% in 2019-20, and 3.76% in 2018-19. Replying to a supplementary question by Congress leader S. Senthil during the Question Hour, Ms. Sitharaman said Mudra loan NPAs in private sector commercial banks was at 0.95% in 2023-24 from a peak of 1.77% in 2020-21 and 0.67% in 2018-19.

In response to a question regarding depositors' money in the Sahara group, she said the Serious Fraud Investigation Office was carrying out a detailed probe. It is also looking into the reason behind a sizeable number of investors not coming forward to claim the invested money in the company, she said.

BJP likely to head seven or eight House committees

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha is in the process of constituting department-related Standing Committees and sources say the BJP could chair seven or eight panels, the Congress three and Samajwadi Party one, according to the parties' numerical strength in the House.

The Trinamool Congress, the fourth-largest party, is unlikely to chair any panel. Out of the 24 panels, 16 fall under the ambit of the Lok Sabha and eight under Rajya Sabha.

The Shiv Sena, the only major BJP ally without a Cabinet portfolio, could be given the chair of at least one of the panels that fall in the ruling party's quota.

BJP unable to protect cows from diseases: Trinamool

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Trinamool Congress MP Saayoni Ghosh on Monday said that the BJP has been unable to protect cows from lumpy cow disease and provide fodder for cattle even as it keeps talking about their welfare.

The Trinamool leader was speaking during a discussion on the Demands for Grants for the Ministry of Fishing, Animal Husbandry and Dairy in the Lok Sabha.

Participating in the debate, Samajwadi Party MP from Fatehpur Naresh Chandra Uttam Patel said that there was a big issue in Uttar Pradesh of stray cattle and accused the Union government of not making any efforts to deal with the issue.

Working towards a solution on farmers' issues, says Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan blames Cong. for not taking care of farmers

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Monday said the Centre will work tirelessly for the welfare of farmers and agriculture in the country.

While replying to the debate in Rajya Sabha on a discussion on the functioning of his Ministry, Mr. Chouhan responded to the criticism from the Opposition that issues such as the demand for a guaranteed minimum support price (MSP) are still unresolved. He said the government is moving towards solutions through dialogue and collaboration with all stakeholders.

The Opposition, which was not satisfied with the reply, walked out and claimed that Mr. Chouhan misled the House. Congress MP Randeep Singh Surjewala told pressperson outside the House that Mr. Chouhan's "lie" was caught out as the Centre had given an affidavit in the Supreme Court on February 6, 2015, that MSP as per the M.S. Swaminathan Commission formula cannot be given to the farmers because it will spoil the market.

Mr. Chouhan blamed the Congress for not taking care of farmers. He said cooperation between the Union and State governments was important for farmers' welfare.

States urged to spend more on healthcare infrastructure

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha, on Monday, approved by voice vote the Demands for Grants, for the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (2024-25) after a discussion.

Replying to the discussion Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare J.P. Nadda said that the budgetary allocations for the health sector had gone up from ₹33,278 crore in 2013-14 to ₹90,958 crores in 2024-25 registering an increase of 164%.

The Union Minister also urged State governments to spend more on improving healthcare infrastructure and dismissed Opposition allegations on reduction of allocations under the PM-Ayushman Bharat Healthcare Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM).

J.P. Nadda

Refuting claims by the Opposition on reduction of funds for the health infrastructure mission, the Health Minister said States were able to spend just ₹1,806 crore out of the budgetary allocation of ₹4,200 crore in last year's budget.

"We are giving money, but it is not spent. You spend the money, we will allocate more funds if the existing funds are spent," said the Minister, adding that ₹3,200 crore have been earmarked for PM-ABHIM.

"We don't believe in just making announcements. We believe in effective planning, ensuring last mile delivery, identifying bottlenecks in last mile delivery and taking steps to remove them," he said.

He further noted that of the total budget, 55% of the amount is spent through the National Health Mission. Mr. Nadda said that the health sector had been prioritised in the budget allocation. "The Central government is gradually increasing the health budget and at present it has touched 1.9% of GDP. Also out-of-pocket expenditure has come down from 62% to 47.1%," he said.

The Minister noted that a total of 22 AIIMS were sanctioned out of which 18 are operational and four are under construction.

RS begins discussion on Ministry of new and renewable energy

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha, on Monday, started discussion on the working of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

Initiating the debate, Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien asked the Centre to consult the State governments, local bodies, communities and the private sector in the spirit of cooperation. He said that thinking globally and acting locally must be the mantra for the Centre.

"The spirit of consultation is antithetical to your thinking," he said.

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi will reply to the discussion on Tuesday.

The Trinamool MP said schemes such as the International Solar Alliance, Green Hydrogen Mission and PM KUSUM failed to achieve the target. "Our suggestion is to reduce dependency on China, Thailand and Vietnam," Mr. O'Brien said

Countering him, BJP MP Laxmikant Bajpayee said the Centre is promoting renewable energy through several schemes. "By 2030, half of the requirement of energy would come from new and renewable sources," he said.

Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda supported the Centre's endeavours and said that over the years, the importance of renewable energy in India has only grown upwards. "In a country of 1.4 billion people, we cannot secure our future if you do not adopt a model of sustainable development," he said.

Extra personnel have been deployed along the border, says BSF

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

As the situation turned volatile in Bangladesh, the Border Security Force (BSF) on Monday said "it has received strict instruction from the government to not allow anyone into the country without valid documents".

A senior BSF official said the situation along the Bangladesh border was normal as of now and they were in contact with their counterparts, the Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB).

"In view of the changed situation in Bangladesh, the BSF has issued alert along the Indo-Bangladesh border and the number of troops deployed along the border has also been increased," the BSF said in a statement.

India and Bangladesh share a 4,096-km border, which runs through West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Tripura.

Following the curfew imposed by Bangladesh authorities since Sunday, there has been no movement of goods and vehicles through the Integrated Check Posts, said a BSF official.

BSF D-G Daljit Singh Chawdhary visits Indo-Bangladesh border in North 24 Parganas district.

Heightened alert

"We are in touch with BGB but there has been no build up of people at the border as of now. Extra personnel have been deployed and there is heightened alert. All formations have been conveyed the Centre's decision to not allow anyone into India without proper documents," said the BSF official.

Tipraha Indigenous Progressive Regional Alliance founder Pradyot Bikram Manikya Debbarma said in a post on X that he had spoken to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who "assured that the borders of India are well protected and no illegal influx will be allowed. He is monitoring the situation and asked our forces to maintain vigil at the borders".

BSF Director-General Daljit Singh Chawdhary, along with Additional D-G Ravi Gandhi, visited the Sunderbans in North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal to review the operational preparedness.

"The visit commenced with a detailed briefing of Eastern Command by Mr. Gandhi at the South Bengal Frontier Headquarters. The briefing covered the strategic scenario and operations of the battalions of Eastern Command, wherein the Director-General was apprised of the role of BSF in maintaining national security along the sensitive international border," the BSF said.

India silent as Hasina flees Bangladesh amid unrest

As India focuses on the safety of diplomats and citizens in Bangladesh and making arrangements for the former PM, experts say New Delhi must also reach out to those in charge in Dhaka now

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Despite dramatic developments in Dhaka and the arrival of former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Hindon airbase outside Delhi, the External Affairs Ministry made no statement about the situation in the neighbouring country or on Ms. Hasina on Monday.

Sources said the Ministry, headed by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, was engaged in a number of meetings within the government as well as with military officials after news broke of Ms. Hasina's resignation and then her decision to fly to India as she awaits asylum abroad.

In the evening, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the Cabinet Committee on Security, which was attended by Mr. Jaishankar, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Earlier, Mr. Jaishankar briefed Mr. Modi about the situation in Bangladesh.

Ministry officials declined to comment on whether Ms. Hasina had requested asylum in India and whether the government would consider such a request.

While making arrangements for Ms. Hasina and ensuring the safety of Indian diplomats at the High Commission and consulates in the neighbouring country as well as thousands of Indians still in Bangladesh are immediate priorities, experts said the Modi government must move quickly to engage the new establishment in charge in Dhaka, where anti-Hasina protests have frequently been mixed with an anti-India sentiment. In July, the government had evacuated more than 7,000 students and professionals from Bangladesh.

Major worry: The convoy of NSA Ajit Doval leaves the Hindon airbase, where he met Sheikh Hasina on Monday. R. V. MOORTHY

On Sunday, the External Affairs Ministry had issued an advisory, "strongly advising" Indian nationals to not travel to Bangladesh, and asking those in the country to exercise "extreme caution" while moving around.

India's uncritical stance during the last round of violent protests in July has complicated its image in the country, according to experts. "India's unquestioning and unstinting support for Sheikh Hasina lost the country a lot of goodwill here," Syed Munir Khasru, who heads international think tank IPAG in Dhaka, said. He described scenes of chaos and disorder, as well as tear gas and firing on the streets of the Bangladeshi capital on Monday. "New Delhi must move quickly to send out a firm signal that despite its close relationship with Hasina, it firmly stands by the will and desire of the people of Bangladesh, and not just with one leader and one party [Awami League]," he added.

Former Indian diplomats also said that a return to normalcy in Bangladesh, one of India's most trusted and friendly neighbours in the region thus far, is most important for India's long-term interests.

"India must stay engaged with the military in Bangladesh and all those who can contribute to peace and stability in the country – that would be sustainable, and in India's interest," former Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh and former Foreign Secretary Harshvardhan Shringla, who was also India's G-20 coordinator, told *The Hindu*.

"While in the immediate aftermath of events, the Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh has spoken of an interim administration, it would be important to bring about an environment conducive to a restoration of democracy as early as possible," Mr. Shringla said.

Asked about how India should deal with reports that the student protests had been fuelled by political forces inimical to India, Mr. Shringla said that "some groups like the Jamaat-e-Islami, especially the Jamaat Shibir, and even the Opposition BNP may have taken advantage of the protests to further their own agenda", but that India must continue to deal with those now in charge.

"Five decades ago, when we assisted the birth of Bangladesh in response to a grassroots people's movement in a glorious exercise of our strategic autonomy, we came out on the right side of history," former Foreign Secretary Nirupama Menon Rao said in a social media post on Monday, warning against any "misstep" in the handling of the crisis in Bangladesh.

INBRIEF

'Stay safe, Hasina Aunty', says Pranab Mukherjee's daughter

"Stay safe and strong, Hasina Aunty. Tomorrow is another day. My prayers are with you." This post on X by Sharmistha Mukherjee, daughter of former President Pranab Mukherjee, not only recalled the ties between the Mukherjee family and that of Sheikh Hasina but also the time, the former Bangladesh Prime Minister was in exile in New Delhi. Between 1975 and 1981, Ms. Hasina stayed in New Delhi after the assassination of her father Sheikh Mujibur Rehman and several other members of her family. At that time, former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had sheltered the surviving members of the clan in New Delhi and tasked Pranab Mukherjee with their welfare, a task he and his wife Suvra undertook with diligence and care.

Train services between India and Bangladesh suspended

The Indian Railways on Monday suspended all train operations to Bangladesh amid the unrest in the neighbouring country where Sheikh Hasina has resigned as the Prime Minister following protests. The affected trains are the Kolkata-Dhaka-Kolkata Maitree Express(13109/13110), Dhaka-Kolkata-Dhaka Maitree Express (13107/13108), Kolkata-Khulna-Kolkata Bandhan Express, and the Dhaka-New Jalpaiguri-Dhaka Mitali Express (13131/13132) that has been suspended since July 21. Indian railway officials said Bangladesh officials have been in touch with them since July 18 and trains between India and Bangladesh were being cancelled on a daily basis. "We are communicating with Bangladeshi officials daily who have verbally informed us they are not in a position to run the trains and hence the schedule is being serially cancelled," an official in the Railway Ministry said. Officials here said services will not resume unless a favourable response is received.

Rahul speaks to External Affairs Minister on Bangladesh situation

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Monday spoke to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar about the evolving situation in Bangladesh.

Mr. Gandhi spoke to the Minister informally soon after the Lok Sabha had adjourned, said informed sources.

Several MPs across party lines expressed concern over the situation in India's eastern neighbourhood in the wake of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's resignation amid massive protests against her government.

Describing the situation as sensitive and evolving, Congress MP Manish Tewari hoped that the government will make a statement on it in both Houses of Parliament on Tuesday.

Rahul Gandhi

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Priyanka Chaturvedi hoped the Union government would take care of the interests of Indians in Bangladesh.

"The atmosphere of instability is regrettable. Especially because Bangladesh has been a long-standing ally for our country and their growth trajectory was going in the right direction. If they are moving towards anarchy, it will be bad for our strategic interest," said Ms. Chaturvedi. "I hope our Prime Minister and Foreign Minister will take care of the interests of Indians there and try to bring back stability," she added.

Biju Janata Dal (BJD) leader Sasmit Patra said his party was hopeful that the Government of India would ensure that India's concerns were protected.

The Left parties, however, were critical of Ms. Hasina's government.

'Resignation welcomed'

"The situation in Bangladesh is basically a result of the economic crisis. Unemployment is rising and students are struggling for jobs. But, the government has not given jobs to the youngsters. Also, the authoritarian style of functioning of the government was another reason," CPI(M) leader V. Sivadasan said.

Calling Ms. Hasina an "autocrat," CPI leader P. Sandosh Kumar said her resignation was "welcome".

"The election held in Bangladesh [earlier this year] was not free and fair. The allegation of the Opposition that the ruling front sabotaged the elections was right. Now it has again been proven that autocrats cannot survive," Mr. Kumar said.

"Of course, they can survive for a short time of period, but people will fight back and you have to surrender before the public. That has been proven by students of Bangladesh. That way, it is a welcome step. But it should not be a chance for religious fundamentalists to intervene and that is what the whole world has to ensure," he added.

(With PTI inputs)

Mamata appeals for peace in Bengal

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

As the situation in Bangladesh remains volatile, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday appealed to the people of the State to maintain peace and avoid any provocation.

"I would appeal to all citizens of all communities in West Bengal to maintain peace and avoid all forms of provocation and refrain from taking law into your hands," the Chief Minister told presspersons at the State Assembly. Ms. Banerjee said she would act as per instructions from the Government of India.

The Trinamool Congress chairperson said if anything happens in a neighbouring country its impact will be felt here. She cautioned leaders of political parties not to post anything that will incite communal passions.

Declining to comment on the developments in Bangladesh, she said it is a matter for the External Affairs Ministry to respond.

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INBRIEF

9 *kanwariyas* electrocuted, 6 injured in Bihar's Vaishali

Nine *kanwariyas* were electrocuted and six injured after the vehicle they were travelling in came in contact with a high-tension wire in Bihar's Vaishali district. Hajipur sub-divisional police officer Om Prakash said the accident took place when the procession of *kanwariyas was* around 500 meters away from Sultanpur village. Family members of the deceased alleged that when the incident took place, several calls were made to the Electricity Department, however, nobody picked up the calls. Angry villagers protested demanding action against the department. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has expressed grief over the incident.

SC takes *suo motu* cognisance of Delhi UPSC centre deaths

The Supreme Court on Monday took *suo motu* cognisance of the drowning of three aspirants preparing for the Union Public Service Commission's Civil Services Examination as they were trapped in the flooded basement of their Old Rajinder Nagar coaching centre during a heavy bout of rain in Delhi. A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan issued notice to the Centre, through the Ministry of Urban Affairs, and the Delhi government. The authorities have been asked to bring on record the safety mechanism in place to prevent such deaths and to ensure that coaching centres in the national capital do not expose young lives to danger.

Justify inclusion of 77 castes in OBC list: SC to Bengal govt.

Top court issues notice on State's appeal against a Calcutta HC judgment, which has had an impact on 5 lakh OBC certificates issued since 2010; advocate for Bengal says administration is at risk

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday gave the West Bengal government an "opportunity" to justify the reason for including 77 castes, largely Muslim communities, in the State's Other Backward Classes (OBC) List.

The order follows an appeal by the State government against a May 22 judgment of the Calcutta High Court striking down the inclusion of several of these castes in the OBC list. A three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud asked the State, represented by senior advocate Indira Jaising and advocate Astha Sharma, to clarify the nature and scope of the survey undertaken to identify the social and educational backwardness of these communities, and their inadequacy of representation in the State public services, which warranted their inclusion in the OBC list.

The court asked the State to respond to allegations raised by private respondents, led by Amal Chandra Das, who were the original petitioners in the High Court, that there was no meaningful consultation with the West Bengal Backward Classes Commission with respect to the designation of 37 of these communities as OBCs.

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> **INDIRA JAISING**
> Senior advocate

The court also asked West Bengal to include details of whether consultation was done while subclassifying these castes for the purpose of reservation. "The State shall clarify the nature of the survey and material in its possession, which led to the inclusion," the top court said.

Chief Justice Chandrachud remarked that all the findings of the High Court were *prima facie* against the State. "But we want to give you an opportunity to place your material on record here and displace these findings of the High Court," Chief Justice Chandrachud addressed Ms. Jaising.

The Bench issued notice to the private respondents on a plea made by the State to stay the operation of the High Court judgment.

Ms. Jaising said the administration of the State was at risk if the High Court judgment continued to operate.

"I have no list anymore, no roster any more. The entire State of West Bengal has no reservation. This also affects the NEET [National Eligibility cum Entrance Test] reservation," Ms. Jaising submitted.

She said 49% of the population of the State of West Bengal was OBC, and alleged the High Court had made derogatory remarks against the Commission. "It said the Commission was the 'pet' of the State government... The less said the better," the senior lawyer said.

The High Court judgment has impacted five lakh OBC certificates issued in the State since 2010. The High Court had, however, clarified that its judgment would not impact individuals who had already secured employment with OBC certificates issued since 2010.

The Bench had struck down portions of the West Bengal Backward Classes (other than Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) (Reservation of Vacancies in Services and Posts) Act, 2012.

Among the Sections nullified were Section 16, the second part of Section 2(h), and Section 5(a) of the Act, which distributed reservation percentages of 10% and 7%, respectively, to the sub-classified categories. Consequently, the sub-classified categories OBC-A and OBC-B were removed from Schedule I of the Act.

Senior advocates Mukul Rohatgi, Ranjit Kumar, Guru Krishnakumar, advocate Bansuri Swaraj and others appeared for the respondents in the case.

HC upholds Kejriwal arrest, says no malice on the part of CBI

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Arvind Kejriwal

The Delhi High Court on Monday ruled that there was no malice on the part of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in arresting Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in a corruption case connected with the excise policy case.

Justice Neena Bansal Krishna rejected Mr. Kejriwal's plea seeking declaration of his arrest by the CBI and all subsequent remands and his incarceration in jail as illegal, saying, "It cannot be said that the arrest was without any justiciable reasons or was illegal."

The judge also rejected a separate plea by the Chief Minister seeking bail in the CBI corruption case, saying that when he filed the bail plea the chargesheet had not been filed. However, as the chargesheet has already been filed before the trial court, the High Court said, "It would be in the benefit of the petitioner to first approach the Court of Sessions Judge."

Mr. Kejriwal had argued that his arrest by the CBI was an "insurance arrest" to ensure that he stays in prison. The AAP leader was arrested by the CBI on June 26 from Tihar Jail, where he was lodged in judicial custody in a connected money laundering case filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

However, the High Court said: "It is only after sufficient evidence was collected and the sanction was obtained in April 2024, that the CBI proceeded with further investigations in this matter, against the petitioner and his eventual arrest."

"There were links of this crime even in Punjab but the material witnesses were not forthcoming for the simple reason of the influence exercised by the petitioner, by virtue of his position. It is only when he was arrested that the witnesses from the Punjab came forth to get their statements recorded and in fact, two of those witnesses, turned approver against the petitioner," the judge said.

Opposition criticises 'plans' to amend Waqf Act, says it will oppose Bill in Parliament

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

Reacting to the buzz over the BJP-led Union government's plan to table a Bill to amend the Waqf Act, 1995, the Opposition leaders on Monday claimed the Bill aims to create a divide in the society and that they will oppose it in Parliament.

Sources in the Ministry of Minority Affairs told *The Hindu* that the Bill is unlikely to be tabled in the ongoing Parliament session as it is still under consideration at the bureaucratic level.

Commenting on the government's plans, All-India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi questioned why details of the Bill were leaked to the media when the Parliament was in session. "The government is acting against parliamentary supremacy and privileges by informing the media, and not Parliament about such a Bill. From what has been written in the media, I can say that the Modi government wants to take away the autonomy of the Waqf Board," Mr. Owaisi said.

Akhilesh Yadav

Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav said his party will oppose the Bill in Parliament while Amra Ram, Communist Party Of India (Marxist) MP from Sikar, Rajasthan, said the BJP believes in "divisive politics" and instead of strengthening Waqf boards, they are trying to interfere with them.

Officials in the Ministry claimed that the Sachar Committee's 2006 report recommended that there was a need to regulate functioning of *Mutawallis* (managers or custodians of Waqf properties) and ensure efficient management of Waqf records. "The committee had recommended that organisational reforms should be made to strengthen Waqf Boards administratively," an official said, adding that a parliamentary panel report presented to Rajya Sabha in 2008 also made very similar recommendations.

Preamble dropped from several NCERT Class 3, 6 textbooks

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has dropped the Preamble to the Constitution from several Class 3 and Class 6 textbooks issued this year.

In the newly published texbooks for Class 6, the NCERT has dropped the Preamble from the social science textbook, *Exploring Society: India and Beyond*. The book mentions the fundamental rights and fundamental duties. The Preamble is present in the science textbook, *Curiosity*, and the Hindi textbook, *Malhar*.

In the old textbooks, the Preamble was printed in the English book, *Honey Suckle*, the science book, the Hindi textbook, *Durva*, and all three social science books – *Our Pasts-I, Social and Political Life-I and The Earth Our Habitat*.

The new English textbook, *Poorvi*, has the National Anthem, while the Sanskrit textbook, *Deepakam*, has both the National Anthem and the National Song, but not the Preamble. The earlier Sanskrit book, *Ruchira*, also did not have the Preamble.

The new Class 3 textbooks for Hindi, English, mathematics and World Around Us (which replaces EVS) do not have the Preamble. The old EVS book, *Looking Around*, and the Hindi book, *Rimjhim 3*, carried the Preamble. "The allegations regarding removal of the Preamble from textbooks do not have a sound basis," Professor Ranjana Arora, Head of the Department of Curriculum Studies and Development at NCERT, said.

Ayodhya Development Authority quietly denotifies land used for Army training

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

A controversy has erupted after the Ayodhya Development Authority (ADA) denotified land used for Army training, allegedly after it was purchased by several high-profile people and groups, including the Adani Group, Baba Ramdev and Sri Sri Ravishankar.

The matter pertains to reports of denotification of Majha Jamthara village in Ayodhya, which was being used for firing and artillery practice by the Army, with its huge cantonment and Dogra Regimental centre in the area. Due to security and safety issues, construction and commercial activities were prohibited.

Due to safety issues, construction and commercial activities were prohibited in the area

Divisional Commissioner, Ayodhya, Gaurav Dayal told *The Hindu* that the denotified land had never belonged to the Army and the government is set to construct a temple museum on the same. Responding about the need for de-notification, Mr. Dayal said the place has been denotified to enable development of parks, open spaces and related activities of public nature.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, advocate Praveen Dubey, who took the matter of encroachment in the 14 villages (5,419 hectares) situated around the Army cantonment, and used for Army's training purposes, to the Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court, said he was shocked to know that while the matter was pending in the HC, the State especially denotified Majha Jamthara in May this year.

"All I can tell you is that encroachment is there in all 14 villages and this is a major security concern," he said adding that Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders have also constructed commercial establishments on this land and that no one is paying heed to the issue.

Taking a dig at the U.P. and Union governments, Congress leader Pawan Khera wrote on X, "Do you want to know what they actually do while hiding behind religion and nationalism?...Land notified as buffer zone for Army Training is first bought by Adani, Ravi Shankar & Baba Ramdev and is then de notified by the Governor."

CROSSWORD + 14246

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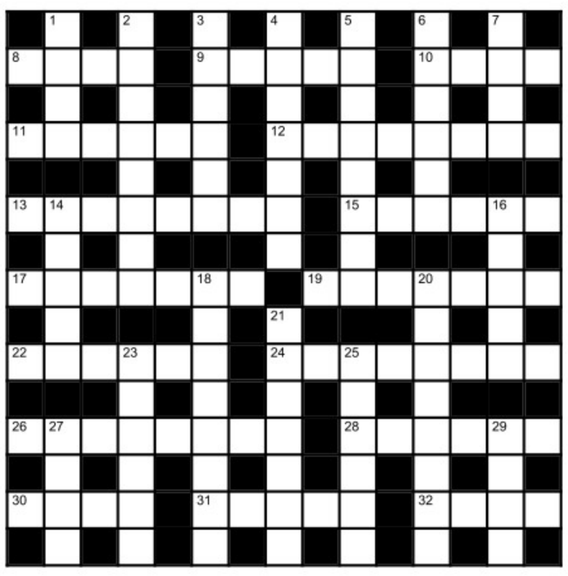
SCAN TO PLAY



Across

8 Base is 29/3 (4)
9 Record of Chinese era (5)
10 Hole contains quarter... quarter of gallon (4)
11 Arts students wearing runners used on snow (6)
12 Utter: "Not in? Correct!" (8)
13 Build a castle having final part of staircase to go through the ceiling (8)
15 Getting defeated by including sine in logarithmic abbreviation (6)
17 Prisoner for ransom wrongly shot before time (7)
19 Be quick to catch Labour leader in capital (7)
22 Sailing yachtsman leaving NYC gets breathing problem (6)
24 Where fags may end up throwing trash, say (8)
26 Badly damaged peanut is powdered after starting to break by sweetheart (6-2)
28 Gives back money as prey is mutilated (6)
30 Setter consumes one litre in 8 furlongs (4)
31 Saint has strange way of playing guitar (5)
32 Air conditioning by Royal Engineers in Israeli city (4)

Down

1 Task? Put one-fourth of rice into vessel (4)
2 Veteran lays out law during commencement (8)
3 Whispers, "I am covering old West Asian country" (6)
4 Body part with the Spanish military officer (7)
5 Benign fib: "While tie is knotted" (5,3)
6 Mars soil covers top of pyramidical pole (6)
7 Indian children getting one-twelfth of 8 (4)
14 Locates vessel inside ship (5)
16 A street in New York is horrible (5)
18 Girl and boy with cape delight (8)
20 Preliminary action from drama following shout from golfer (8)
21 Some music over drink results in mutual understanding (7)
23 Male assassins' item wrongly mentioned in hate note, for starters (3-3)
25 Wrongly hears about maiden in zenanas (6)
27 Madly in love? No, no! Wicked! (4)
29 Yet another regular distance, for starters... (4)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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9	7	2	4	1	5	8	6	3
1	8	9	6	5	4	7	3	2
3	5	7	8	2	1	6	4	9
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FAITH

Doing one's duties

The importance of doing one's duties is seen from the story of a sage, said R. Narayanan in a discourse. The droppings of a bird fell on the sage. Angered, the sage looked up at the bird. His glare burnt down the bird. The sage felt that his *tapas* had endowed him with power. Joyfully, he went to the nearest village to get some food.

In the first house that he approached, the lady of the house asked him to wait until she had served food to her husband. The sage was furious when he was made to wait. He gave her an angry glare like the one which had burnt the bird. The woman asked, "Did you think you could burn me down as you burnt that bird?" Astounded, the sage asked her how she knew what had happened in the forest. She directed him to a shoemaker.

The shoemaker said, "Did the lady residing in the first house in the village send you to me?" He asked the sage to wait, while he bathed his aged parents and fed them." The sage realised that the man's spiritual power came from the fact that he never failed to do his duties. He now knew that the way to *moksha* was by doing one's duties. Everyone has their duties.

Saivite saint Appar saw it as his duty to clean temples. Thayumanavar said if he could be the servant of like-minded devotees, he would attain bliss.

INBRIEF

Adani Energy Solutions raises ₹8,373.10 crore via QIP

Adani Energy Solutions Limited (AESL) on Monday said it had raised ₹8,373.10 crore via qualified institutional placement route to build capacity for evacuation of electricity from renewable sources. This is the company's first equity raise in the capital market since its demerger and listing from Adani Enterprises Ltd. (AEL) in July 2015, AESL said in a filing. The transaction was introduced post-market hours on July 30 with a base deal size of ₹5,861 crore. PTI

Sundaram Finance Q1 net profit rises 9% to ₹308 crore

Sundaram Finance Ltd. reported standalone net profit for the June quarter increased 9% from the year-earlier period to ₹308 crore. Revenue from operations rose 27% to ₹1,425 crore. Disbursements grew by 7% to ₹6,908 crore. Assets under management rose 23% to ₹45,671 crore. Net interest income rose 20%, the NBFC said in a statement. Gross non-performing assets (NPA) declined to 2.21% from 2.96%, while net NPA contracted to 1.41% from 2%.

TII, Classic Legends to license BSA trademarks under JV

Tube lnvestments of lndia (TII) has entered into an agreement with Classic Legends Pvt. Ltd. (CLPL) to incorporate a JV company to license BSA trademarks. TII, CLPL and the proposed JVC will enter a trademark licensing arrangement to enable the use of BSA trademark by CLPL for manufacture and sale of motorcycles, parts and accessories in lndia, according to a regulatory filing. Initially, TII and CLPL would invest ₹50,000 each and hold equal stake in the JVC.

Sensex falls 2.7% amid global sell-off, rupee hits a new low

Japan's Nikkei index plunges 12.4%, its worst fall since October 1987, as fears of the U.S. economy tipping into a recession precipitates a wider equities slump; rupee weakens to 84.09 versus dollar

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

The benchmark S&P BSE Sensex slumped almost 3% on Monday amid a deepening global sell-off, precipitated by fears that the U.S. economy may tip into a recession. Japan's Nikkei index plunged 12.4%, its biggest one day drop since October 1987, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq Composite fell 2.2%, 2.5% and 3.1%, respectively, as of 1404 GMT.

Sea of red: All major sectoral indices closed in the red, with metals and realty indices correcting sharply. PTI

The Sensex slid 2.74%, to close at 78,759.40. Losses were led by Tata Motors, which fell 7.3%, Adani Ports (5.9%), Tata Steel (5.3%), State Bank (4.3%), Power Grid (4.25%) and Maruti (4.17%).

"In the backdrop of weak global sentiment, the benchmark indices corrected sharply," said Shrikant Chouhan, Head - Equity Research, Kotak Securities. "All the major sectoral indices traded in the red, with metals and realty indices correcting sharply," he added.

The Indian rupee fell to its all-time low of 84.09 against the U.S. dollar, weakening by 37 paise in the session as the equity sell-off and foreign fund outflows weighed on sentiment in the currency.

Bharti Q1 net jumps twofold to ₹4,160 cr. as ARPU buoys

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Bharti Airtel reported a more than 2.5 times jump in consolidated profit to ₹4,160 crore in the April-June quarter, from the year-earlier period, driven by an improvement in average revenue per user (ARPU) and an exceptional gain of ₹735 crore.

Consolidated revenue from operations increased by 2.8% to ₹38,506.4 crore.

Mobile average revenue per user rose 5.4% YoY to ₹211 during the reported quarter, from ₹200.

July retail auto sales rise 14%, FADA flags record inventory

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

India's retail auto sales posted a 13.9% year-on-year rise in July, aided by 17.2% growth in two-wheeler sales. However, high inventory at dealerships was a 'significant concern' warned the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA).

While three-wheeler sales rose by 12.9, passenger vehicles (PVs) by 10.2% and commercial vehicles (CVs) by 5.93%, tractor offtake slid almost 12%.

"This growth is accompanied by a significant concern," FADA said. "Inventory levels have surged to a historic high of 67-72 days, equating to ₹73,000 crore worth of stock. This poses a substantial risk for dealer sustainability, necessitating extreme caution."

FADA urged PV OEMs to be vigilant about potential dealer failures due to these high inventory levels. "It is also crucial for the Reserve Bank of India to mandate financial institutions to implement stringent checks before releasing inventory funding, preferably requiring dealer consent or collaterals to prevent the escalation of NPAs.

"Despite uneven rainfall distribution, the auto retail sector grew 13.9%, with almost all categories witnessing an increase," said FADA VP C. S. Vigneshwar.

"The auto retail market is cautiously optimistic for the near term, driven by positive monsoon effects, festive season, and product introductions," FADA said on near-term outlook.

Services PMI signals mild dip; output prices surge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Services sector activity was robust in July, with international sales growing at the third-fastest pace in almost 10 years, even as rising input costs compelled firms to raise prices at a 7-year high pace, as per the HSBC India Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), which eased to 60.3 last month, from June's 60.5.

July's performance marks three years of persistent output growth reported by about 400 services sector players surveyed for the index.

Overall private sector activity, factoring in manufacturing firms, indicated a slightly slower pace of growth than June, with the Index cooling to 60.7 in July from 60.9.

Manufacturing led the upturn for the sixth successive month, but output prices were raised at the swiftest pace in almost 11-and-a-half years in July with goods producers reporting higher cost pressures than services firms.

Demand spurs prices

Stronger demand emboldened services firms to raise output costs charged to customers yet again.

"Service-sector activity rose at a slightly slower pace in July, with new business increasing further, primarily driven by domestic demand," noted Pranjul Bhandari, chief India economist at HSBC. Optimism levels about growth prospects over the next year improved over June levels.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	78,759	-2.74
US Dollar	84.09	-0.44
Gold	72,800	-0.06
Brent oil	76.42	—

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3038.20	-122.70
Adani Ports	1493.85	-94.15
Apollo Hosp	6687.60	-22.55
Asian Paints	3093.40	-13.30
Axis Bank	1133.50	-27.35
Bajaj Auto	9485.05	-131.15
Bajaj Finserv	1567.70	-55.75
Bajaj Finance	6596.70	-128.30
Bharti Airtel	1465.70	-28.10
BPCL	341.70	-5.40
Britannia Ind	5697.90	-22.45
Cipla	1515.05	-13.75
Coal India	506.80	-17.70
Divis Lab	4826.95	-164.30
Dr Reddys Lab	6812.05	-152.10
Eicher Motors	4675.75	-50.95
Grasim Ind	2612.25	-94.55
HCL Tech	1562.40	-46.90
HDFC Bank	1615.75	-43.40
HDFC Life	710.90	3.50
Hero MotoCorp	5183.90	-90.30
Hindalco	614.30	-33.75
Hind Unilever	2715.90	23.35
ICICI Bank	1172.60	-23.95
IndusInd Bank	1389.45	-14.85
Infosys	1751.90	-69.30
ITC	486.00	-3.10
JSW Steel	863.80	-35.75
Kotak Bank	1773.65	-29.80
L&T	3528.00	-137.70
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5390.10	-119.80
M&M	2678.95	-70.70
Maruti Suzuki	12200.85	-525.55
NestleIndia	2510.90	15.80
NTPC	413.25	-6.45
ONGC	310.25	-19.85
PowerGrid Corp	342.80	-15.45
Reliance Ind	2894.65	-104.00
SBI Life	1722.20	-22.70
State Bank	811.65	-36.20
Shriram Finance Ltd.	2891.45	-100.65
Sun Pharma	1720.35	-11.30
TataConsumerProduct	1199.40	5.75
Tata Motors	1016.45	-80.20
Tata Steel	149.82	-8.40
TCS	4155.05	-128.00
Tech Mahindra	1456.35	-51.35
Titan	3375.95	-86.40
UltraTech Cement	11417.25	-347.25
Wipro	485.00	-17.15

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 05

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.65	83.97
Euro	91.60	91.95
British Pound	106.64	107.05
Japanese Yen (100)	58.59	58.82
Chinese Yuan	11.74	11.78
Swiss Franc	98.42	98.81
Singapore Dollar	63.31	63.56
Canadian Dollar	60.35	60.58
Malaysian Ringitt	18.88	18.98
Australian Dollar	53.95	54.17

Source:Indian Bank

GST receipts on health cover hit almost ₹10,000 cr. in FY24

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Goods and Services Tax (GST) receipts on health insurance premium payments by consumers rose by more than 54% between 2021-22 and 2023-24, yielding ₹8,262 crore last year, with health reinsurance levies delivering almost another ₹1,500 crore, data shared by the Finance Ministry in the Lok Sabha on Monday show.

Over the last three financial years, GST levies on health insurance premiums added up to more than ₹21,255 crore.

Reinsurance premia paid by insurers yielded about ₹3,274 crore of GST revenues over this period, rising 79.7% between 2021-22 and 2023-24, the Finance Ministry informed.

MoS (Finance) Pankaj Chaudhary speaking in Parliament on Monday. PTI

Responding to queries related to the indirect tax from MPs, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary also acknowledged that representations had been received requesting for exemption or reduction in the rate of GST on life insurance and health insurance premiums.

"GST rates and exemptions are prescribed on the recommendations of the GST Council, which is a constitutional body comprising representatives from both the Centre and the States/UTs," Mr. Chaudhary said.

On lowering GST levies on raw materials for fertilizers such as sulphuric acid and ammonia, as recommended by a Parliamentary panel, the Minister said that the GST Council had discussed the matter on six occasions, including at its last meeting held in June, when it was referred to the Group of Ministers (GoM) tasked with the rate rationalisation exercise.

SEBI directs heads of AMCs to deter market abuse

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

CEOs, managing directors (MD) or any equivalent officials of asset management companies (AMC) will be held 'responsible and accountable' for implementing mechanisms to deter potential market abuse, regulator SEBI said in a circular on Monday.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India released the circular outlining the amendments made to the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996, directing AMCs to set up institutional mechanisms to deter market abuse, including front-running and fraudulent transactions.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer, P.W. (North) Division, Dhule-424001
E-TENDER NOTICE NO 4/ 2024-2025

Online Tenders (e-tender) in "B-1" form for the **15 (Fifteen)** works are invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W. (North) Division, Dhule, (Phone no. 02562-288763) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System. mahatenders.gov.in from any bidder who satisfy the qualifying criteria.

As per above tender notice 15 (Fifteen) works, detail tender information will be available at **http: // mahatenders.gov.in** and can be download from **06/08/2024 AT 18:00 HRS**. to **013/08/2024** at 17.45 hrs.

Prebid of Above 6 Six works on 09/08/2024 Time 12.00 Hours in the office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W. Circle, Dhule

Opening of above works On 16/07/2024 Time 11.00 Hours (If possible) in the office

of the Superintending Engineer, P.W. Circle, Dhule

-Sd/
Executive Engineer,
P.W. (North) Division, Dhule

DGIPR/2024/2025/1605

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of my client **Sri.P.Danunjaya Reddy** to bring to the notice of the general public that the Original Will deed dt.15.03.1965, Doc No.28/1964-65 of Book III, Volume No.17, & Page No. 101-103 in the office of Sub-Registrar Bangalore, Sale deed dt.16.12.1994, Doc No.2597/1994-95 of Book III, Volume No. 1812, & Page No. 146-148 in the office of Sub-Registrar Anekal Bangalore and Sale deed dt.21.05.2004, Doc No.2613/2004-05 of Book I, & CD ANKD29 in the office of Sub-Registrar Anekal Bangalore in respect of property bearing No. 108/4, measuring 23 Guntas, situated at **Kyalasanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore** has been lost at the time of travelling.

All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said Will and Sale deeds. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within **7 days** from this present along with that Police Complaint is also given vide **Lost Report No. 1176272/2024, dated 03.08.2024.**

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78. **M : 9916343921**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that my client **Sri.M.NARAYANA REDDY S/o.Late Pera Reddy, Smt.M.JAYA W/o. M.Narayana Reddy,** both are residing at flat no. 105, B Block, Sindhu Amazon, Outer Ring Road, Bellandur,Bengaluru-560 103. Is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Smt.SHUBHA CHITNIS W/o. Late Atul Chitnis** along with her only one Daughter **Smt.Geetanjali Chitnis D/o Late Atul Chitnis** both are residing at House No.94, 11th Main, Royal Enclave, Rachenahalli, Bengaluru – 560064 If Anyone Person/s, firm/ company / institution / organization or establishment, is/are having any right, title, interest, claim, share, or objections in respect of schedule property hereby required/request to intimate in writing to the undersigned advocate or may contact the undersigned advocate with documentary proof, within **7 days** hereof, and An claim made after the stipulated period, will not be considered, it will be presumed that there is/are no claims and will not be valid claims, same shall be null & void, such person/s shall be considered as waived and not binding on my Client and my Client will proceed with completion of sale transaction by way of execution Sale Deed in respect of the schedule property in/on the name of my Client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of property bearing House **No, 94,** Katha No.420/73/94, 11th Main, 2nd Phase, Royal Enclave, Jakkur-Srirampura and previously bearing Site no.94, formed in Converted Sy. No.73, vide order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(SA)40/96-97, dated: 20-06-1996 by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, House List Katha No.420, situated at **Rachenahalli Village, Dasarahalli Panchayath, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** measuring East to West: 90 feet and North South: 60 feet in all measuring **5400 Square Feet** with residential House built on it and bounded on:-

East by : Road, West by : Site Nos.102 and 103, North by : Site No.95, South by : Site No.93.

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ/ಪೂರ್ಣಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-(IREPS) TENDER NOTICE NO. 20 UBL 2024-25 Dated: 29.07.2024

The undersigned, on behalf of President of India invites E-tenders (IREPS) for the following works.

SN	Name of work	Approx. value
1	Hubballi Division: Sub Work-I) TSR(P) 1.79 Km at sharp curves in Hospete - Vyasacolony Section. Sub Work-II) TSR(P) 1.813 Km at sharp curves in Vyasacolony - Swamihalli Section.	Rs.93,15,357.00
2	Hubballi Division: Miscellaneous maintenance activities for quarters/service buildings under ADEN/ Central/Hubballi jurisdiction Annigere (Exel) - Gadag (Exel)- Badami (Incl) (Special Work-4).	Rs. 1,48,38,807.00
3	Hubballi Division: Miscellaneous-maintenance activities for quarters/service buildings under ADEN/ Vijayapura jurisdiction-Hotgi (Excluding) to Basavanabagaewadi Road (Excluding). SW-3A.	Rs. 80,59,671.00
4	Hubballi Division: Zonal work: Miscellaneous maintenance activities for Quarters/Service buildings under ADEN/Central/Hubballi jurisdiction: Karajgi (incl) Hubballi (Excl)-Anningere (incl) (S W-4/1A).	Rs. 1,46,46,586.00
5	Hubballi Division: Miscellaneous-maintenance activities for quarters/service buildings under ADEN/ Vijayapura jurisdiction-Bagalkot (incl) Kajjidoni (Incl) to Basavanbagewadi Road (Incl) to Badami (Excl) -SW-3/1A.	Rs. 89,74,891.00

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 27.08.2024**

For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Engineer/Co-ordination Hubballi

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No: EE/PWD/BD/TS-3/2024-25/1882 **Dated : 02-08-2024**

Short Term Tender Notification (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division, Ballari invites the tenders for the works detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through Karnataka public procurement portal. Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded through the website https:kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours. **TABLE**

Sl No	Details of Works	Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs)
1)	PWD/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT11605	61.89

Note : Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions and also re-tender, tenderers can view in KP Procurement Portal. No Separate Tender notification will be published in the News paper. in this regard.

1) Venue, Date and time of Pre Bid Meeting for the works **06-08-2024 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari.** 2) Last dates for queries (through KP-procurement portal **09-08-2024 upto 12.00 Hours.** 3) Last date for submission of tenders through kp-procurement portal **12-08-2024 upto 16.00 Hours.** 4) Date and time of opening of Technical Bids **13-08-2024 at 16.30 Hours in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Ballari.

DIPR/Ballari/318/KSMCA/2024-25

LIC unveils term cover products for youth

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Life Insurance Corporation of India has introduced LIC's Yuva Term/Digi Term and LIC's Yuva Credit Life/Digi Credit Life non-par, non-linked, life, individual, pure risk plans providing term insurance and safety net against loan repayments.

The Yuva Term/Digi Term will provide financial protection to the insured's family in the event of the policyholder's death during the policy term. It is a non-par product under which benefits payable on death are guaranteed, LIC said on Monday.

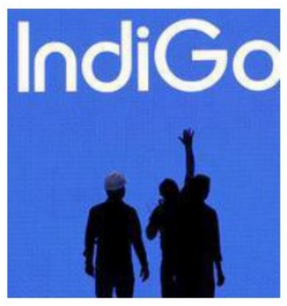
IndiGo 'stretches' product to include business class

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

In a pivot away from its all-economy cabin, IndiGo unveiled a tailor-made business-class product called 'IndiGoStretch,' which will roll out on its flights from mid-November for metro-to-metro flights.

The product offering essentially includes seats with advanced comfort, enhanced legroom and a holder for electronic devices. The seats will be added to the A321 neo aircraft joining the fleet. Each aircraft will include 12 of the seats and have two instead of three seats on both sides of the aisle in three rows.

Passengers flying to Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Chennai and Kolkata will be able to avail this product.



Airline Co-founder Rahul Bhatia told *The Hindu* that the product will bring affordable business class travel to Indian air travellers on domestic flights.

"IndiGo democratised travel and economy class," Mr. Bhatia said. "We are doing exactly the same, but with a stretched product," he added.

To address concerns over IndiGo shifting from low-cost structure, he said, "while adding complexity brings additional costs, if the rewards of complexity outweigh the cost, then introducing complexity in a thoughtful and meaningful manner should be a no brainer," underlining it will continue to fiercely hold on to its age old mantra of structural cost leadership.

On the airline's long-haul ambitions,, he said, "much of the international traffic is exported to carriers residing outside India. I think it is critical upon us and AI to bring that economic growth back into the country."

ISLAMABAD

Ties with U.S. should be repaired but not at China's expense: Pak. PM

AP

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that Pakistan wants to repair ties with the U.S. but not at the cost of its ties with China as no other country could do what Beijing was doing for his cash-strapped country. Sharif said that work was progressing fast in the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. PTI

NEW YORK

Nine employees 'may have been involved' in Oct. 7 attack, says UN

REUTERS

The United Nations said on Monday nine employees of its agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) "may have been involved" in the October 7 attack on Israel by Hamas. "We have sufficient information to take the actions that we're taking -- which is to say, the termination of these nine individuals," UN spokesman said. AFP

SEOUL

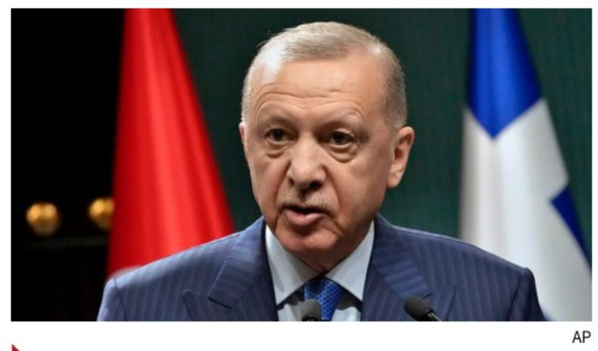
North Korea deploys 250 missile launchers to southern border

PTI

North Korea has deployed 250 ballistic missile launchers to its southern border, with leader Kim Jong-un describing the weapons as a "powerful treasured sword" to defend its sovereignty, state media said on Monday. It was the first time North Korea had publicised the scale of an arms transfer to its border units. AFP

ISTANBUL

Erdogan slams social media 'fascism' amid Instagram battle



AP

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan accused social media networks of "fascism" and censorship on Monday as his government blocked Instagram for a fourth day. The U.S.-owned platform has been accused by government officials of censorship and failing to remove posts the authorities deem offensive. AFP

Bangladesh's 'iron lady' falls from grace

The Awami League leader was credited with turning around the economy but started facing the heat after the Ukraine war pushed up cost of fuel and food imports; amid economic worries and booming unemployment, public anger against a job reservation system had triggered mass protests

Reuters
DHAKA

Sheikh Hasina, who resigned as Bangladesh's Prime Minister and fled the country on Monday following weeks of protests, has been one of the dominant figures in its politics since the assassination of her father, independence leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, nearly a half-century ago.

Her flight came less than seven months after she celebrated a fourth straight term in power – and fifth overall – by sweeping a national election in January that was boycotted by the main opposition.

Protests began in June after student groups' demands for the scrapping of a controversial quota system in government jobs escalated into a movement seeking the end of her rule.

Her political career was rooted in bloodshed.

Her father, who led Bangladesh's fight for independence from Pakistan in 1971, was assassinated with most her family in a military coup in 1975. She was fortunate to have been visiting Europe at the time.

Born in 1947, in southwestern Bangladesh, then East Pakistan, Ms. Hasina was the eldest of five children. She graduated in Bengali Literature from Dhaka University in 1973 and gained political experience as a go-between for her father and his student followers.

She returned to Bangladesh from India, where she lived in exile, in 1981 and was elected head of the Awami League.

Billowing rage: Protestors set fire at the 'Bangabandhu memorial museum' in Dhanmondi locality in Dhaka on Monday. AFP

Ms. Hasina later joined hands with political foe Khaleda Zia, chief of the rival Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), to lead a popular uprising for democracy that toppled military ruler Hossain Mohammad Ershad from power in 1990.

But the alliance with Ms. Zia did not last long and the bitter rivalry between the two women – often called the "battling begums" – went on to dominate Bangladeshi politics for decades.

Ms. Hasina first led the Awami League party to victory in 1996, serving one five-year term before regaining power in 2009, never to lose it again.

As time went on, her rule has been marked by mass arrests of political opponents and activists, forced disappearances and extrajudicial killings. Rights groups warned of a virtual one-party rule by the Awami League.

Ms. Zia, herself a former Prime Minister and the widow of Ziaur Rahman, a former President of Bangladesh who was assassinated in 1981, was jailed in 2018 on graft charges that the opposition says have been trumped up. She was barred from political activity. The BNP and rights groups say Ms. Hasina's government arrested 10,000 opposition party workers on trumped-up charges in the lead-up to the January election, which the opposition boycotted.

Despite criticism of her years in power, Ms. Hasina was credited with turning around the economy and the massive garments industry, while winning international praise for sheltering Rohingya Muslims fleeing persecution in neighbouring Myanmar.

But the economy has also slowed sharply since the Russia-Ukraine war pushed up prices of fuel and food imports, forcing Bangladesh to turn last year to the International Monetary Fund for a $4.7 billion bailout.

A student protest that brought down the reign of Hasina

Curtain down: Protestors march towards Sheikh Hasina's palace as army personnel stand guard in in Dhaka on Monday. AFP

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Protests in Bangladesh that began as student-led demonstrations against government's hiring rules in July culminated on Monday in the Prime Minister fleeing and the military announcing it would form an interim government

At least 300 people were killed in more than a month of deadly protests that ended the autocratic rule of 76-year-old Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

On July 1, university students built barricades blocking roads and railway lines to demand reforms of a quota system for sought-after public sector jobs. They said the scheme was used to stack the civil service with loyalists of Ms. Hasina's ruling Awami League.

Ms. Hasina, who won a fifth term as Prime Minister in January, says the students were "wasting their time".

Violence intensifies

Six persons were killed in clashes on July 16 in the first recorded deaths in the protests, a day after bitter violence when protesters and pro-government supporters fought in Dhaka with sticks and hurled bricks at each other.

Subsequently, Ms. Hasina's government ordered the nationwide closure of schools and universities.

However, on July 18, students rejected an olive branch from Ms. Hasina. Protesters torched the headquarters of state broadcaster Bangladesh Television and dozens of other government buildings. The government then imposed an Internet blackout.

At least 32 people were killed and hundreds were wounded in clashes, which continued in the following days despite a round-the-clock curfew and the deployment of soldiers.

Supreme Court verdict

Bangladesh's Supreme Court, seen by critics as a rubber stamp for the will of Ms. Hasina's government, ruled on July 21 that the decision to reintroduce job quotas was illegal.

But its verdict fell short of protesters' demands to entirely abolish reserved jobs for children of "freedom fighters" from Bangladesh's 1971 independence war against Pakistan.

On Monday, Ms. Hasina fled Dhaka by helicopter as thousands of protesters stormed her palace, with millions on the streets celebrating.

Her dramatic departure came a day after the deadliest day of protests in which at least 94 people were killed countrywide, many in battles with her supporters.

Australia lifts terror threat level from 'possible' to 'probable'

Associated Press
MELBOURNE

Rise in radicalisation among youth and community tensions over Gaza war are cited as reasons

The Australian government on Monday elevated the nation's terrorism threat alert level from "possible" to "probable," citing concerns about increasing radicalisation among young people and community tensions over the Israel-Hamas war.

It is the first time the threat level has been elevated to the midpoint of the five-tier National Terrorism Threat Advisory System since 2022. The level had been "probable" the previous eight years.

'No specific threat'

But Prime Minister Anthony Albanese added that while government officials think the current climate makes terrorism an increased danger, they did not know of any specific threats.

"I want to reassure Australians probable does not mean inevitable, and it does not mean there is intelligence about an imminent threat or danger," Mr. Albanese told reporters.

He said the government was acting on the advice of the Australian Security Intelligence Organization, the nation's main domestic spy agency known as ASIO.

UN seeks urgent de-escalation in West Asia; Iran reserves right to strike back

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk on Monday called for an urgent de-escalation in West Asia over fears that the Gaza war could spread.

"I am deeply worried about the rising risk of a wider conflict in the Middle East [West Asia] and plead with all parties, along with those states with influence, to act urgently to de-escalate what has become a very precarious situation," Mr. Turk said in a statement.

Iran on Monday said it had the "legal right to punish" Israel over last week's killing of Palestinian armed group Hamas's political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran.

Israel, which has not commented on the killing but did admit to carrying out a strike on Beirut that left Hezbollah military chief Fuad Shukr dead, has been fighting a war in Gaza since the October 7 attacks by Hamas. It is now exchanging daily cross-border fire with Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Sad moment: Men burry bodies that were taken and later released by Israel during a mass funeral in Khan Yunis on Monday. AFP

The international community fears Iran, a backer of Hezbollah and Hamas, could join the conflict.

"Everything, and I mean everything, must be done to avoid this situation spiralling further into an abyss that will only have even more terrible consequences for civilians."

U.S. President Joe Biden was to hold crisis talks with his national security team on Monday as fears grow of an Iranian attack on Israel.

Mr. Biden will also call Jordan's King Abdullah II as part of a flurry of diplomacy.

Gaza's Civil Defence agency said it received the bodies of 80 unidentified Palestinians from Israel on Monday, which it buried in a mass grave.

"We received 80 bodies inside 15 bags, with more than four martyrs in each bag, each wrapped in a single shroud", Civil Defence director Yamen Abu Suleiman said.

Abu Suleiman said Israeli authorities did not provide any information about the bodies, including their names or where they were found.

Taliban allow foreigners with old visas to stay in Afghanistan

Associated Press
ISLAMABAD

On the edge: Foreigners can stay for now but that they will not be allowed back in without documents certified by the new regime. AFP

Afghanistan's Taliban government said on Monday it would allow people in the country on visas issued by the former Western-backed government to stay for now, but that they would not be allowed back in without documents from a Taliban-approved diplomatic mission.

The announcement by the Taliban's Foreign Ministry on the social media platform X clarified its July 30 announcement that the regime would no longer accept documents from consulates and diplomatic missions abroad staffed by members of the former government of the country.

The move is part of the Taliban's efforts to gain control of Afghanistan's representation abroad since returning to power in 2021.

The Taliban's blacklisting of diplomatic missions in Canada, Australia and several European countries means that many people may have to travel hundreds of even thousands of miles to get documents issued, renewed, or certified.

Myanmar junta loses control of Lashio base

Associated Press
BANGKOK

Myanmar's military regime acknowledged on Monday it had lost communications with the commanders of a strategically important Army headquarters in the northeast.

The fall of the Army's Northeast Command in Lashio would be a significant blow to Myanmar's military government this year as an offensive launched by an alliance of powerful militias of ethnic minority groups continues to make broad gains in the country's civil war.

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE
No.EM/PED-18/2024
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Date : 31/07/2024
Name of the work : Management of Power Distribution System of Paradip Port Authority.
Estimated Cost : Rs.22,20,30,322/-.
Last Date & time of submission of bid : dt.20/08/2024 up to 18:00 Hrs.
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Short term e-Tender Notification

KUIDFC invites tenders under NGT Environmental Compensation funds for below mentioned projects from the eligible Contractors. The tender document will be available on KPP Portal of GoK (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Package No.	Amount put to Tender (Incl GST) Rs in Crore	Earnest Money Deposit Rs in Lakhs
1	Construction of "Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTP) including Operation and Maintenance for 5 years under NGT Environmental Compensation funds on DBOT model"	Package 5 (Call-3)	22.57	22.60
2		Package 7 (Call-4)	30.74	30.80
3		Package 10 (Call-4)	22.46	22.50
4		Package 12 (Call-4)	24.86	24.90

1) Tender Publish Date: **03.08.2024.** 2) Pre-bid meeting Date & Time: **13.08.2024 Time: 11.30 AM.** 3) Last Date & Time for Bid submission: **20.08.2024 Time: 4.30 PM.** 4) Date & Time of Opening of Technical bid: **21.08.2024 Time: 5.00 PM.** 5) Date & Time of Opening of Financial bid: **28.08.2024 Time: 11.30 AM.**
Interested bidders may view, download & upload the tenders only through KPP portal. Any further notification will be through KPP portal and KUIDFC official website only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Project Monitoring Unit, UWM-KUIDFC, Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/1280/MAA/2024-25

REIGNING SUPREME

Denmark's Axelsen retains men's badminton crown

RITU RAJ KONWAR

Denmark's Viktor Axelsen retained his Olympic badminton title on Monday, demolishing Thailand's world champion Kunlavut Vitidsarn in the men's singles final in Paris. Backed by a vocal crowd of Danish fans at La Chapelle Arena, the second-seeded Axelsen battled past his eighth-seeded opponent 21-11, 21-11 in 52 minutes.

DOMINANT

South Korea's An wins badminton women's singles title

AFP

South Korea's An Se-young consolidated her status as the top player in women's badminton by winning the Olympic gold on Monday, beating China's He Bingjiao in the final. Reigning world champion An, who has held the No. 1 ranking for the past year, beat her sixth-seeded opponent 21-13, 21-16 at La Chapelle Arena.

ITALIAN JOB

Italy claims mixed team skeet gold; Li clinches 25m rapid fire pistol

AFP

Italy claimed the final shooting gold of the Games in the mixed team skeet final as Gabriele Rossetti and Diana Bacosi secured a 45-44 win over fancied US pair Vincent Hancock and Austen Smith. China's Li Yuehong won the men's 25 metres rapid fire pistol event with a comfortable 32-25 win against Cho Yeong-jae of South Korea.

RECHARGE

Olympic champion swimmer Titmus to take 'extended break'

GETTY IMAGES

Four-time Olympic gold medallist Ariarne Titmus said on Monday she will take an "extended break" from swimming with the aim of being back to her best for 2028 Los Angeles Games. The Australian, who won two golds and two silvers in Paris, said she may spend up to a year away from the sport as she looks to recharge her batteries.

Lakshya succumbs to nerves in bronze medal tie

The Indian begins well by taking the first game 21-13 and going up 8-3 in the next; however, he loses his way and allows Lee to stage a comeback and secure a podium finish

PARIS 2024

Jonathan Selvaraj
PARIS

Serving 3-1 up in the opening game of his Olympic bronze medal encounter against Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia, Lakshya Sen attempted a high serve against his Malaysian opponent. Sen lifted the shuttle high trying to force a high clear from his backtracking opponent. Lee took a look at the trajectory of the projectile and simply left the shuttle as it sailed over the backline of the court.

Service errors are fleeting in men's badminton. Just a day before he had made another service error while three game points up against Viktor Axelsen. The Dane would make the most of his opportunity, save the remainder of the game points and end up winning it. He'd win the match and end up defending his title from Tokyo.

While Lakshya's error had come at a critical time against Axelsen, the one against Lee had come very early on. There was enough time to recover. But the fact that he made one at all, suggested there was something in what Axelsen had said a day before about competing in the Olympics.

"These rings, they do funny things."

Indeed they do. Before this meeting, Lakshya Sen had played Lee five times. He'd beaten the Malaysian in four of them including at their last encounter at the 2024 All England Championship.

After the opening 30 minutes, it looked like Sen was going to blitz past Lee. He had taken the first game 21-13 and was up 8-3 in the second. He had all the answers.

Then all of a sudden, the Malaysian won the next 9 points in a row. Lakshya tried to mount a comeback but there was none. He'd go on to claim the match and the bronze medal 13-21 21-16 21-11 against the Indian.

The shift happened almost imperceptibly, and yet was incredibly evident.

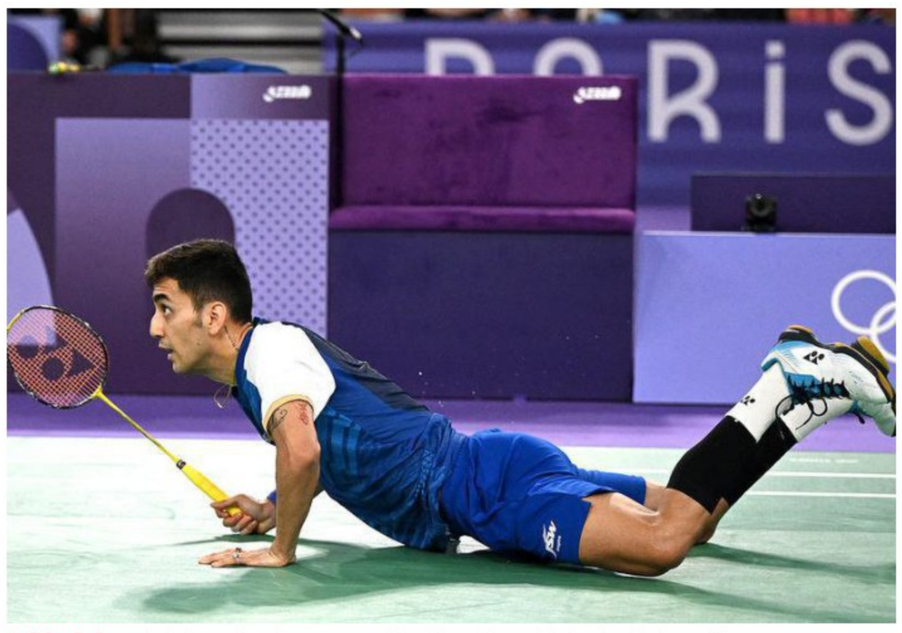
Lee would take a 12-8 lead but Sen would fight back. He'd close in to 14-15. Then inexplicably he hit another long serve. The first one, early in the match, was perhaps inconsequential. The second won was far from it. The lead extended.

Lee would never trail again.

The Malaysian ran away with the third. You almost pitied the Indian for having to stay on the court. Smashes were missed, line calls were wrongly guessed."I just didn't have any answers," he'd say later.

Lakshya would later be asked what he thought went wrong. With a thousand yard stare and his voice barely audible over the cheers of the Malaysian fans, he held on to his injured elbow, the pain of returning without a medal further exacerbating his agony.

"I don't know," he concluded.



Spirited show: Lakshya missed out on a maiden Olympic medal despite his best efforts. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Joy unbound: Coach Costantini and the players celebrate after Manika seals the deal. AFP

Indian women's team surges into the last eight

TABLE TENNIS

Y.B. Sarangi
PARIS

Riding on her killer instinct to win, paddler Manika Batra recorded victory in both her singles matches, including the high-pressure decider as India – playing for the first time as a team – recorded a superb 3-2 win over a higher-placed Romania in the women's team pre-quarterfinals of the Olympics at the South Paris Arena here on Monday.

Doubles pair Sreeja Akula and Archana Kamath gave India a positive start by winning the opening match against Adina Diaconu and Elizabeta Samara 11-9, 12-10, 11-7.

The duo coordinated well and secured the first two games even after getting a good challenge from the Romanians.

The Indians erased two-point deficits in the second and third games en route to victory.

World No. 28 Manika made it 2-0 as she punched above her weight to upset 10th-ranked Bernadette Szocs 11-5, 11-7, 11-7 in the singles encounter.

Manika used her fine forehands to race away from 5-5 and pocket the opening game.

She displayed more control and varied the pace of her shots to take the second and benefitted from the Romanian's errors in the third.

In the second singles match, Sreeja frittered away her lead twice to lose to Elizabeta 11-8, 4-11, 11-7, 6-11, 8-11. Sreeja never looked comfortable against the left-hander.

Catching up

In the decider, the Indian played well to catch up with Elizabeta but the Romanian regained her lead and ultimately won the contest.

Romania levelled things at 2-2 after Bernadette beat Archana 5-11, 11-8, 7-11, 9-11.

Manika rose to the challenge in the decider and defeated Adina 11-5, 11-9, 11-9. She executed some spectacular drives and backhand drop shots to surge ahead and clinch India's quarterfinal spot.

"We played with confidence and started really well with doubles. That gave me confidence. I am really happy how we all supported and cheered each other and played our best games," Manika told *The Hindu*.

Delighted

Coach Massimo Costantini was delighted with Manika's effort. "Her entire game is to be patient. Every time she rushes, there is a risk of making mistakes. She managed very well. "She did some proper variation. Her game is to confuse the opponent. So, the more you vary, the better you will be. The doubles win was crucial," said Costantini.

The results (pre-quarterfinals):
India bt Romania 3-2 (Sreeja Akula-Archana Kamath bt Adina Diaconu-Elizabeta Samara 11-9, 12-10, 11-7; Manika Batra bt Bernadette Szocs 11-5, 11-7, 11-7; Sreeja lost to Elizabeta 11-8, 4-11, 11-7, 6-11, 8-11; Archana lost to Bernadette 5-11, 11-8, 7-11, 9-11; Manika bt Adina 11-5, 11-9, 11-9).

India has a job on hand against dominant Germany

HOCKEY

Y.B. Sarangi
PARIS

After showing its steely resolve and getting past Great Britain in the quarterfinals despite being a man down, India will be ready to tackle the situation arising out of defender Amit Rohidas' absence when it takes on World champion Germany in the men's hockey semifinals of the Olympics at the Yves du Manoir Stadium here on Tuesday.

Rohidas was suspended for one match due to a red card he received against Great Britain. Hockey India's appeal against the decision was rejected on Monday, rendering Rohidas ineligible for the crucial last-four clash.

Having played three quarters without Rohidas in the quarterfinals, India has already done a simulation of living life without him.

The defence has overcome its shortcomings to grow stronger. It passed the Great Britain test in flying colours and will be eager to present the same grittiness and composure against Germany, which has scored the maximum goals and has won five out of its six matches in the tournament so far.

India, which thwarted the German challenge in the bronze medal contest in Tokyo, recorded a win and a loss against it during the FIH Pro League in June.

But that was in the build-up phase when teams were trying out different things. In the Olympics proper, the intensity may be at another level.

While Manpreet Singh did a good job in place of Rohidas at the back and is likely to carry out the responsibility again. India will have to manage with one player less on the bench and it may impact the rolling substitution.

The team will look to carry on its well-coordinated efforts with an emphasis on keeping its post safe from German penetration, which has produced 14 field goals for the World champion.

In contrast, India has scored eight of its 11 goals through penalty corners or strokes.

Needless to say, drag-flicker Harmanpreet will be crucial to the team's scheme of things in the absence of Rohidas - who also works as a penalty corner specialist and a rusher to block opponents' corners.

Germany, which has gained from its prolific scorers, including Christopher Ruhr and Justus Weigand, will try to continue its dominance and put India under pressure after seeing off Argentina in the quarterfinals.

With Germany on top of its game and India keen to shine in adversity, the duel may offer a treat to the eyes.

Up for it: Harmanpreet's men will be keen on putting up yet another impressive defensive show. RITU RAJ KONWAR

India-Germany H2H in Olympics

Played	India	Germany	Drawn
14	6	4	4

YEAR	CITY	RESULT
1936	Berlin	India won **8-1**
1956	Melbourne	India won **1-0**
1964	Tokyo	Match drawn **1-1**
1968	Mexico	India won **2-1** (West Germany), **1-0** (East Germany); Bronze: India won **2-1** (West Germany)
1976	Montreal	India lost **2-3**
1984	Los Angeles	Match drawn **0-0**
1988	Seoul	Match drawn **1-1**
1992	Barcelona	India lost **0-3**
1996	Atlanta	Match drawn **1-1**
2012	London	India lost **2-5**
2016	Rio	India lost **1-2**
2021	Tokyo	India won **5-4** (bronze medal match)

Maheshwari and Anant Jeet narrowly miss a podium finish

SHOOTING

Press Trust of India
CHATEAUROUX

The Indian shooting duo of Maheshwari Chauhan and Anant Jeet Singh Naruka fought tooth and nail before missing out on a bronze medal by a whisker in the skeet mixed team event, finishing fourth on Monday. Italy edged the United States 45-44 for the golf.

Maheshwari and Anant Jeet shot 43 to end behind China's Yiting Jiang and Jianlin Lyu (44) in a thrilling match for the bronze.

Earlier, the Indians finished fourth in the qualification after both teams were tied on 146 at the end of the three-round, 150-shot process, forcing a shoot-off.

In the qualification, Maheshwari shone with 50/50 in her final two rounds while Anant Jeet notched scores of 25, 23 and 24 in the three rounds.

What swung the match in China's favour was the incredible form of Jianlin who did not miss a single shot on way to the podium, even as his partner Yiting recovered after a rare three straight misses to help the pair to victory.

At the start of the medal round, the Chinese earned perfect scores of 4/4 against India.

In reply, Anant Jeet missed out on one of the four targets (3/4) in the first station. Maheshwari shot a score of 4/4 to get off to a good start.

Trailing China (8/8) after the first station, India (7/8) fought back in station two and restored parity heading into the third station. What helped the Indians at this stage was the three successive misses by Yiting.

Even as Jianlin continued with his flawless shooting, Yitin missed one but then got his act together to finish on a strong note.

In order to win a bronze, India was left with the task to hit all eight targets while hoping that China would miss a few. The Indians fired all four targets in the decider, but the Chinese kept their nerves and succeeded in all their attempts to edge out the Indians by just one point.

Tough loss: Maheshwari and Anant Jeet went down fighting to China in the bronze medal contest. GETTY IMAGES

INBRIEF

Brazil's Andrade beats Biles to the Olympic floor crown

Brazil's Rebeca Andrade beat Simone Biles to the floor gold on the final day of the Olympic gymnastics competition on Monday, ending the US gymnastics great's bid for a fourth title at the Paris Games. Biles stepped out of bounds twice during her floor routine to take silver, while her teammate Jordan Chiles took bronze.

Brilliant Zou Jingyuan defends parallel bars title with ease

China's Zou Jingyuan handily beat his rivals to retain the Olympic parallel bars title on Monday, picking up his third medal of the Paris Games and giving his country a second gold in gymnastics. The 26-year-old, nicknamed 'King of Parallel Bars' for his dominance on the apparatus, earned a staggering 16.200 points.

D'Amato wins balance beam, Biles finishes fifth after fall

Italy's Alice D'Amato won balance beam gold as a fall doomed US gymnastics great Simone Biles's bid for a fourth title. Biles finished fifth. D'Amato delivered a solid routine for a score of 14.366 points to take gold ahead of China's Zhou Yaqin and Italy's Manila Esposito.

Oka pips Barajas on the horizontal bar for his third gold

Japan's Shinnosuke Oka's fairytale debut Olympics continued with him adding the horizontal bar gold to his team and all-around titles. The 20-year-old scored the same 14.533 score as Colombia's Angel Barajas, but took gold on the strength of higher execution mark. China's Zhang Boheng and Taiwan's Tang Chia-Hung shared bronze.

GOLDIES

Germany: *Triathlon Mixed Relay*
Li Yuehong (Chn): *Men's 25 Metres Rapid Fire*
An Se-young (Kor): *Badminton Women's Singles*
Zou Jingyuan (Chn): *Gymnastics Men's Parallel Bars*
Alice D'Amato (Ita): *Gymnastics Women's Balance Beam*
Shinnosuke Oka (Jpn): *Gymnastics Men's Horizontal Bar*
Rebecca Andrade (Bra): *Gymnastics Women's Floor Exercise*
Viktor Axelsen (Den): *Men's Badminton Singles*
Finn Butcher (New Zealand): *Men's Kayak Cross*
Noemie Fox (Aus): *Women's Kayak Cross*
Italy (Gabriele Rossetti & Diana Bacosi): *Shooting Mixed Team Skeet*
Great Britain (Emma Finucane, Sophie Capewell and Katy Marchant): *Cycling Track Women's Team Sprint*

GOING FOR GOLD

Athletics: Women's Hammer Throw, Men's Long Jump, Men's 1500m, Women's 3000m Steeplechase, Women's 200m
Boxing: Women's 60kg
Cycling Track: Men's Team Sprint
Diving: Women's 10m Platform
Equestrian: Jumping Individual
Sailing: Women's & Men's Dinghy
Skateboarding: Women's Park
Wrestling: Men's Greco-Roman 60kg & 130kg, Women's Freestyle 68kg

Brash and brilliant Lyles underlines his class on the biggest stage of them all

'I did this against the best of the best... here I am, my first Olympics in 100m, going around now as the Olympic champion'

On top of the world: Lyles' yellow metal marks USA's first men's 100m gold since Gatlin won it in 2004 at the Athens Games. GETTY IMAGES

Jonathan Selvaraj
PARIS

9.79 seconds, and it was all over. Noah Lyles was the Olympic men's 100m champion.

The marquee event of the Paris Games couldn't have been any closer. Lyles needed to record a new personal best and even then it nearly wasn't enough. He got off to a horror start – the slowest off the blocks in the eight-man final. A 100m of perseverance later, he finished 5/1000th of a second ahead of Jamaica's Kishane Thompson – 9.784 to 9.789.

Lyles is no stranger to drama. At a press conference before the Games, he declared himself the fastest man alive. "It's me. It's always going to be me."

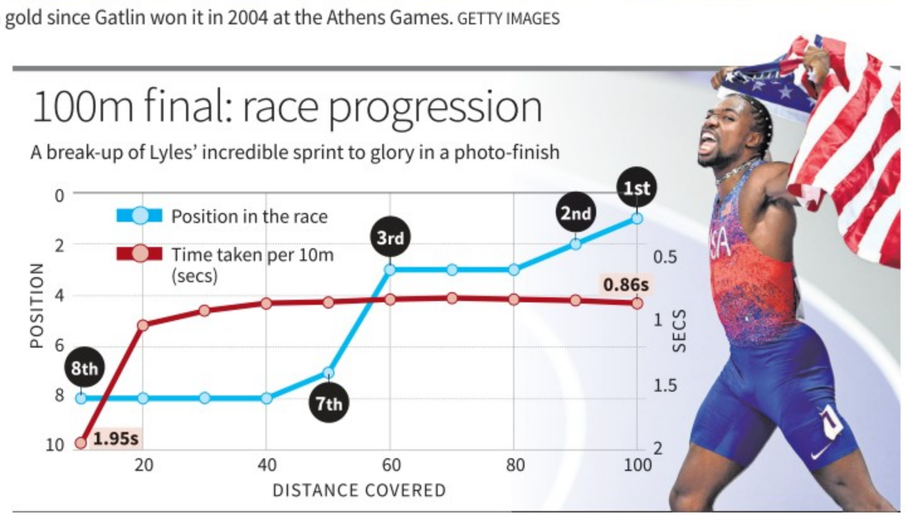
For all his bluster, the fact is that until he came to Paris, the 27-year-old didn't have the hardware to back himself up. He only had a bronze in the 200m at Tokyo. He might have three gold medals – in the 100m, 200m and 4x100m – at the World Championships last year but he's not the fastest this year - that is still Kishane Thompson.

Having talked the talk, Sunday at 9:50 p.m. was his time to walk the walk – or at least sprint the sprint.

"It feels good to back it up," Lyles said. "I've seen tons of scenarios where athletes come in as a favourites and it doesn't work out for them. I came in third-fastest from the semi-finals. I'm like 'This is going to be serious, this is not going to be easy'. And I had said OK, my therapist said, 'you need to relax and you need to be yourself'."

"I did this against the best of the best, on the biggest stage, with the biggest pressure," Lyles said.

"And I wasn't even entered in the 100 in 2021. You know, here I am, first Olympics in the 100, going around now the Olympic champion."



Pioneer: Sable is the first Indian man to enter the 3,000m steeplechase final. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Sable storms into the 3,000m steeplechase final

Jonathan Selvaraj
PARIS

India's Avinash Sable, with a fifth place finish in the qualifying heat of the men's 3,000m steeplechase, qualified for the final with a timing of 8:15.43.

He is the first Indian Olympic track finalist since Lalita Babar in the women's 3,000m steeplechase in 2016.

A year ago, Sable was in Budapest for the World Championships. Confident of making the final, he felt he should conserve energy for the big race.

He realised too late that he was getting boxed in with no space to break out even to vault the barrier or water jump. He tripped and did not qualify.

In the months that have passed, Sable's repeated a mantra to whoever has asked him. "Dont' try to be cute. Don't think, you are going to make the final just because you run. Run every race as if it's your last.'

That's what he did here on Monday. Sable maintained his lead for the first lap. He'd pushed hard enough at the start that instead of being forced to run in a pack, he was in front of a thin line of runners. The pace Sable had forced at the start meant that his timing was faster that Olympic champion Soufianne Al Bakalli and Olympic silver medallist Lamecha Girima who topped their heats.

> My goal was just to finish in the top five. Because of this, I did not go all out in my final lap

THE INDIA SHOW

A look at some of the Indian performances on Monday:

Athletics: Women's 400m (round 1): Kiran (seventh in heat 5, enters repechage); Men's 3000m steeplechase (round 1): Avinash Sable (fifth in heat 2, qualifies for final).

Badminton: Men (bronze medal match): Lakshya lost to Lee (Mas) 21-13, 16-21, 11-21.

Sailing: Men's Dinghy: Vishnu Saravanan (18th overall), DNQ for medal race; Women's Dinghy: Nethra (21st overall), DNQ.

Shooting: Skeet: Mixed team (bronze medal match): Maheshwari & Anantjeet lost to Jiang & Lyu (Chn) 43-44.

Table tennis: Women's team (round-of-16): bt Romania 3-2.

Wrestling: Women's freestyle 68kg: 1/4 final: Nisha lost to Pak (North Korea) 8-10; 1/8 final: Nisha bt Rizhko (Ukr) 6-4.

Medals table

	Country	G	S	B	T
1	China	21	17	14	52
2	USA	19	29	27	75
3	Australia	13	11	8	32
4	France	12	15	18	45
5	Great Britain	11	13	17	41
6	Korea	11	8	7	26
7	Japan	10	5	11	26
8	Italy	9	10	6	25
9	Germany	6	5	4	15
9	Netherlands	6	5	4	15
59	India	0	0	3	3

INDIANS IN ACTION

A look at some Indians who will compete on Tuesday:

Athletics: Men's javelin qualification: Group A (Jena), 1.50 p.m. IST; Group B (Neeraj), 3.20 p.m.

Women's 400m: Repechage (Kiran), 2.50 p.m.

Hockey: Men (semifinal): vs Germany (10.30 p.m.).

Table tennis: Men's team (round-of-16): vs China (1.30 p.m.).

Wrestling (session begins at 2.30 p.m.): Women's freestyle 50kg (1/8 final): Vinesh vs Susaki (Jpn).

Neeraj begins quest to defend his crown today

Jonathan Selvaraj
PARIS

Get the job done: Neeraj will aim to seal a place in the final with one of his early throws. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

At noon time in Paris, at the Stade de France, Neeraj Chopra will get the campaign to defend his title underway in the qualifying round of the men's javelin throw competition.

Neeraj will either have to be among the top 12 throwers in the qualification round or will have to make a throw of 84m in three attempts to automatically qualify for the final on August 8.

A total of 32 competitors will take part in qualification across two group of 16 athletes of whom 11 have already thrown over 85m this season.

Knowing Neeraj, he will likely try to qualify in his very first throw without waiting to find out what the rest of the field does. He says he learned this the hard way at the 2017 World Championships in London where he tried to conserve energy only to not make the finals of his first world event.

At the Tokyo Games, he qualified with his very first throw of the competition – which was also the longest throw across all the competitors. That effort set a statement that reverberated all the way to the final and marked Neeraj as one to watch out for.

At Paris, Neeraj's reputation will precede him but there will be other claimants who will want to raise their profiles.

While Germany's Johannes Vetter isn't going to be around, compatriot Max Dehning, the only athlete to have thrown over 90m this season, Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, and two-time World champion Anderson Peters of Grenada will be some of the athletes competing alongside Neeraj in the Group B.

Kishore Jena, the other Indian in the fray as well as Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch, who has beaten Neeraj earlier this season, are in Group A.

Nisha crashes out after dislocating her shoulder

Press Trust of India
PARIS

Painful exit: Nisha suffered an injury when she was leading 8-1 with just over 90 seconds left. AFP

Indian wrestler Nisha Dahiya was left sobbing in pain after she lost her quarterfinal bout against North Korea's Pak Sol Gum 8-10 in the women's 68kg freestyle category at Paris Olympics. Leading 8-1 with just over 90 seconds left, Nisha sustained a dislocated shoulder which left her in pain as she wept inconsolably. Following a medical break, Nisha didn't have any strength left in her right hand and it became a cakewalk for Pak, who won nine straight points.

In fact, with 10 seconds left, the scoreline was 8-8 but the writing was on the wall for Nisha surrendered in the dying moments without a fight.

India surprised by Sri Lanka's strong showing, admits Nayar

Assistant coach says his side has to reflect and improve after committing the same mistakes; defends shuffling the batting order and lauds the hosts for a superb bowling performance

Punching above their weight: Vandersay, centre, on his knees after taking a wicket in the second one-dayer. AP

CRICKET

S. Dipak Ragav
COLOMBO

India's assistant coach Abhishek Nayar conceded the team was surprised by Sri Lanka's strong showing in the One-Day International series so far following his side's 32-run defeat in the second game on Sunday. At the same time, he felt the conditions had played an outsized role in the outcomes.

"When you play a sport, you never take anything for granted," said Nayar after the match. "Was it a shock? Yes, there was a surprise. But you anticipate and try to understand that the game can turn on its head because there is so much spin on offer."

Commenting on the middle-order collapse in the first two matches against the spinners, Nayar said, "Scoring runs against the new ball is relatively easier, even if you see the previous game. As the ball gets older, especially batting second, it gets much tougher. (Jeffrey) Vandersay bowled the ideal length in these conditions. He used his googlies well and kept to a stump-to-stump line."

"Sometimes in tough conditions, especially in a 50-over format, these things happen. Yes, you have to go back, rectify it and try to understand why it happened twice. The day before yesterday, at least we had some partnerships; today, we lost quite a few wickets in a bundle," he added.

The 40-year-old also remarked that the conditions were on the expected lines and praised the hosts' performance. "When we came and practised, we understood that there would be turn on offer. Sri Lanka has played well, their bowlers have bowled well, and they've scored important runs in the middle order. So credit to them for the way they have played. We have one game; we will try to come back hard."

With the first match ending in a tie, India will look to win the final game on Wednesday and avoid a first bilateral series defeat to Sri Lanka in ODIs since 1997. The former India cricketer also defended the shuffling of the batting line-up by explaining that the team looked to have a left-right combination in the middle.

"Positions only matter if you play in different phases of the game. We lost wickets in the middle phase, which means (they) batted where they were supposed to. It was not as if the middle-order batted towards the end.

"They had an off-spinner and a leg-spinner, so the thought process was right. The (idea) is about having the left-right combination so that we can capitalise on the conditions," Nayar explained.

Former England batter Thorpe passes away after battling 'serious illness'

Agencies
LONDON

Former England and Surrey batter Graham Thorpe has died aged 55 after battling a "serious illness" since 2022, the country's cricket board announced on Monday.

Considered one of the finest batters of his generation, Thorpe was hospitalised shortly after being named the head coach of Afghanistan in 2022 but the details of his medical condition are not known.

He is survived by his wife Amanda and four children, Henry, Amelia, Kitty and Emma.

"It is with great sadness that the ECB shares the news that Graham Thorpe, MBE, has passed away," ECB said in a statement, without giving the exact cause of his death.

"There seem to be no appropriate words to describe the deep shock we feel at Graham's death. More than one of England's finest ever batters, he was a beloved member of the cricket family and revered by fans all over the world," the statement read. Thorpe began his Test career in 1993 with an Ashes century and repeated the feat on the return tour, in Perth in February 1995.

The accumulator: Thorpe was the key in back-to-back series wins in Pakistan and Sri Lanka in 2000-01. FILE PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

The left-hander was instrumental in England's back-to-back series wins in Pakistan and Sri Lanka during the 2000-01 season.

Hee went on to play 100 Tests for England between 1993 and 2005 and averaged 44.66 with 16 centuries.

He also represented the Three Lions in 82 ODIs, collecting 2830 runs at an average of 37.18.

Thorpe enjoyed success at the county level as well. He was picked at the under-11 level by Surrey and played for it for 17 years, scoring close to 20,000 runs.

He started his coaching career in Australia, where he worked with the likes of Steve Smith and David Warner at New South Wales. He then joined the England national team set up as a batting coach in 2010.

He served as an assistant coach for the England men's team under Trevor Bayliss and Chris Silverwood but was axed after the side suffered a 0-4 whitewash in the 2021-22 Ashes series Down Under.

He was then appointed the head coach of Afghanistan in March 2022 but fell ill and couldn't take up the role.

Sebastian Korda completes a father-son double

DC OPEN

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

Sebastian Korda completed a father-son double at the Mubadala Citi DC Open on Sunday for his second ATP Tour title.

Thirty-two years after father Petr won the then-Sovran Bank Classic, the fourth-seeded Korda defeated 10th-ranked Flavio Cobolli of Italy 4-6, 6-2, 6-0 in a match delayed at the start because of rain.

The 24-year-old Korda, a 6-foot-5 right-hander, is the younger brother of golf stars Nelly and Jessica Korda.

His mother, Regina Rajchrtova, played on the WTA Tour.

Korda is the first American to win the Washington event since Andy Roddick in 2007.

His previous victory came in May 2021 in the Emilia-Romagna Open, an ATP 250 tournament.

In the women's final, Paula Badosa of Spain won her first title following a back injury, beating Marie Bouzkova of the Czech Republic 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 in a rain-interrupted match.

The match was delayed twice because of rain.

The results (finals):
Men: Sebastian Korda bt Flavio Cobolli 4-6, 6-2, 6-0.
Women: Paula Badosa bt Marie Bouzkova 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the following works on total turnkey basis.

No.:SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-122(28)/24-25/3304-06 Date:05.08.2024

1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/ Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/ AEE-4/23-24/EPR-02/CALL-5 Dtd:03.10.2023 for Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 31.5 MVA, 66/11KV, BBL make, Sl. No.4934/1, year of manufacture 2006 Lying at **66/11kV Jayadeva** Sub-station.

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-122(29)/24-25/3320-22 Date:05.08.2024

2) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/ AEE-4/23-24/EPR-03/CALL-5 Dtd:03.10.2023 for Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 31.5 MVA, 66/11KV, BBL make, Sl. No.4934/7, year of manufacture 2006 Lying at **66/11kV Sarakki** Sub-station.

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-122(30)/24-25/3301-03 Date:05.08.2024

3) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/ AEE-4/23-24/EPR-04/CALL-5 Dtd:03.10.2023 for Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 20 MVA, 66/11KV, NGEF make, Sl. No.2800060083, year of manufacture 2001 Lying at **66/11kV Leela Venture** Sub-station.

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-122(32)/24-25/3297-99 Date:05.08.2024

4) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/ Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/ AEE-4/23-24/EPR-11/CALL-4 Dtd:18.10.2023 for Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 20 MVA, 66/11KV, EMCO make, Sl. No.HT1711-127097, year of manufacture 2007 Lying at **66/11kV Electronic City Phase-2 Sec-2 (Malgudi)** Sub-station pertaining to HSR Layout TL&SS Division.

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-122(27) /24-25/3317-19 Date:05.08.2024

5) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/ Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/ AEE-4/22-23/EPR-44/CALL-11 Dtd:21.10.2022 for Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 31.5 MVA, 66/11KV, Victory make, Sl. No.4-0012/5 year of manufacture 2009 Lying at **66/11kV Prestige Shanthiniketan** Sub-station.

The Bids will be received through KPP Portal mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka gov.in** with hyperlink **'E Procurement KPTCL'** or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 06.08.2024.** Further details can be had from office of the undersigned.

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(Public Works Department)
Chikkaballapur Division, Chikkaballapur

Invitation for Tender (I.F.T) No.04/2024-25
Date: 01.08.2024

(For Road/Building-Maintenance Works –As per standard Bid Document KW 1 & 2 in two cover system).

On behalf of The Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the undersigned invite tenders for works in two cover system through KPP Portal from eligible contractors registered in PWD. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders **from Date: 06.08.2024 to 14.08.2024 up to 04:00 pm**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during hours on works days or from websites **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Chikkaballapur
DIPR/CHIKKABALLAPUR/R.O.NO:121/KSMCA/2024-25

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TENDER TIME EXTENSION NOTIFICATION

Ref:-1)This office tender Notification No:KNNL/GRBCC-4/Tender/2024-25/04 Date: 04-07-2024 .
Indent No: KNNL/2024-25/LI/WORK_INDENT1213
2)This office tender time extension Ltr No:791 Date:05-08-2024

The tenders in two covers system on Lump-sum Turnkey basis for the work "Survey, Investigation, Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Lift Irrigation System (Head Works consisting of construction of Intake Canal, Jack well cum pump house, Vertical Turbine pumps coupled to HT Motors, Pump house Electrical works, Necessary valves, Delivery Pipe, Manifold system, Power supply including terminal bay, 110 KV Electrical Sub Station, Transmission line, Raising Main and Delivery Chamber) for providing irrigation facility to 8390 Ha of command area in Chikkodi taluk, Belagavi District by lifting water from Krishna River near Kallol Village during Kharif season including Operation and Maintenance for a period of 5 years after successful completion of work KARAGAON LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME on Turn-Key Basis PHASE 1 work" were invited by this office vide above ref-1.

Now the scheduled dates of events for the said work are extended as below (vide ref-2):

No:d:Calendar of Events :Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders Documents through KPP-portal., Date & Time:20-08-2024 upto 16:00 hour. No:e:Calendar of Events :Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid (Cover –I) ,Date & Time:22-08-2024 at 11.30 hour onwards. No:f:Calendar of Events :Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid (Cover –II) (will be opened after approval to the technical bid from the competent authority)., Date & Time:26-08-2024 at 11.30 hour onwards.

Other information and conditions remain same as mentioned in the above cited earlier Tender notifications & KPP portal.

Further information can be had from the Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL GRBCC DIVISION NO-4, Chikkodi, Belagavi District during office hours or e-mail Id:ee_knnlgrbc4ckd@rediffmail.com.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-540/KSMCA/2024-25 **KNNL, GRBCC Division No.4, Chikodi**

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No: EE/BTP/BBMP/E-PMT/03/2024-25 Date: 05.08.2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS (IFT)
TWO COVER TENDER

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)
Tender for the following works on Item rate basis are invited as Standard Bid Documents by the Executive Engineer, Byatrayanapura Division BBMP, from the registered Contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/ Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl No.	Name of the work/Category
1.	Ward No-08, Providing Emergency Relief Task Force Team to Yelahanaka Zonal Control room for the year 2024-25 (Other) **Approx. value of work: ₹.99.75 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.199500/-**

Calendar of Events : (1) Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **19.08.2024** at **3:00** pm. (2) Last Date for Uploading the Filled Tender Document is **23.08.2024** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Opening of Technical Bids on **26.08.2024** at **11:05** am. (4) Opening of Financial Bid is on **27.08.2024** at **11:00** am (For Two Cover System).

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division

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E-Tender Notice

For the year 2024-25, the Office of the District Health and Family Welfare Officer has invited tenders from eligible registered and interested organizations through kppp-portal (http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) for supply of diet food items and good quality bread to the inpatients of two (2) public hospitals and public hospitals and eleven (11) community health centers under Chitradurga.
Tenders to be uploaded on KPPP-Portal (http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) from Date:03-08-2024 to Date: 17-08-2024 up to 5.00 PM. Date of opening of Tender Technical Bids: 19-08-2024 at 11:00 am.
Terms and conditions of the Tenders can be obtained from the website : http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in .
For further details contact the office of the District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Chitradurga during office hours.

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The Rural Water Supply And Sanitation Division Ramanagara is inviting on behalf of Governor of Kamataka State invites tenders from eligible tenderers. for empanelling the contractors for the works detailed below As Per Standard Bid document. Two stage Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. The Tenders are required to be submitted through e-Procurement mode through e-portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For **Empanelment of Bore Wells Drilling Agencies for Drilling Bore Well in Ramanagara, Channapatna, Kanakapura & Magadi Taluk In Ramanagara District** .Schedule Is given below :

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1) Amount put to Tender Rs. 58.91 Lakhs, E.M.D. : Rs. 1,18,000/-, 2) Period of Contract : 15 Months, 3) Last Date for Submission of Tender : 12-08-2024 Upto 5.00 p.m., 4) Opening of Technical Bid of the Tender : 13-08-2024 at 11.00 a.m., 5) Opening of Financial Bid of the Tender : 16-08-2024 at 11.00 a.m.

For further particulars details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the **Website : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

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INBRIEF

Dinesh Karthik appointed SA20 League ambassador

Former India wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik was on Monday appointed the ambassador of SA20 League. Karthik, the first Indian player to be associated with the South African tournament, will be working closely with fellow SA20 ambassador AB de Villiers and the management team to help strengthen the league's global fan basea. "The league has been electric in the first two seasons with some of the world's best players on show and exciting young talent putting up their hands on the global stage," Karthik was quoted in a media release.

Fardin's unbeaten 119 helps Shivamogga secure lead

Fardin Khan top-scored with an unbeaten 119 as Shivamogga Zone secured the first-innings lead over Tumkur Zone in a drawn KSCA SA Srinivasan Memorial U-23 tournament encounter in Bengaluru.

The scores: Mysore Zone 378/8 in 90 overs (S.U. Karthik 50, Likith S. Gowda 110, K.S. Lankesh 26, Kruthik Krishna 56, M.R. Jayanth 62, S. Bhargav 3/60) drew with Combined City XI 333/5 in 61 overs (Prahas S. Nairy 32, Yashwant 65, M. Arsalaan 77 n.o., Shikhar Shetty 58 n.o., J. Mahendra Kumar 3/54).
Tumkur Zone 288 in 72.2 overs (S. Toufeeq 124, T. Chiranjeevi 43, M.A. Adarsh 41, Mithesh 4/45, K. Digantha Umesh 4/74) drew with Shivamogga Zone 393/8 in 73.4 overs (Shreyank Sagar 51, Shravan S. Babu 42, Fardin Khan 119 n.o., T. Chiranjeevi 3/73, B. Rahul 3/53).
Bangalore Zone 189 in 63.1 overs (Macneil Hadley Noronha 74, P. Dhruv 41 n.o., Satvik 4/44, R.J. Mankalesh 3/19) & 99 for one in 24 overs (Bhuvan M. Raju 43 n.o., Akshan Rao 45 n.o.) drew with Bangalore City XI 197 in 57 overs (Arnav Arun Bharadwaj 53, Harshil 63, Monish Reddy 32, Smayan Srivastav 3/31).

LIVE TELECAST

Olympics 2024: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 11 a.m. onwards

Football: Durand Cup, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 & 6.30 p.m.

America has more depth but gold medals harder to come by

It finished with just eight golds, its fewest since the 1988 Seoul Games, and one ahead of its biggest rival Australia

SWIMMING

Associated Press
NANTERRE

No one can match America's depth at the pool. That said, claiming the top step on the Olympic medal podium is no longer a given for U.S. swimmers.

Nine days of thrilling competition at La Defense Arena wrapped up on Sunday night with the Americans barely pulling out the lead in the gold medal standings thanks to a victory in the last race.

The U.S. finished with just eight golds, its fewest since the 1988 Seoul Games and one ahead of its biggest rival, Australia.

More notably, the rest of the world totalled more victories (20) than the United States and Australia combined, the first time that's happened since the 1996 Atlanta Games.

Changing times: Finke, who swam to a WR in the 1500m, says the sport is growing and it is a great thing. GETTY IMAGES

Improved show

The Americans will certainly be intent on improving their performance heading into the home games at Los Angeles in 2028, when swimming will have in its largest, most spectacular setting yet with a capacity for some 38,000 fans.

Still, with more and more international swimmers getting their training in the U.S. – and prominent American coaches such as Bob Bowman spreading their knowledge to other countries – a more diverse list of gold medallists is likely to be the norm going forward.

"This sport is growing and I can't help but feel like we've been a part of that," American gold medallist Bobby Finke said. "It's something we should take home and be proud of."

Two of the biggest swimming stars in Paris, France's Leon Marchand and Canada's Summer McIntosh, train in the U.S. but won a bevy of medals for their home countries.

The U.S. certainly had its shining moments in Paris. Katie Ledecky won two more golds, moving her into a tie for second place among all athletes on the career list with nine. She also joined Phelps as the only swimmers to win the same event at four straight Summer Games with her victory in the 800m freestyle.

The women's team produced several more stars, including Torri Huske (three golds, two silvers), Gretchen Walsh (two golds, two silvers) and Regan Smith (two golds, three silvers).

But there were plenty of disappointments, particular on the men's side. In all, the American men produced only two gold medals, and they didn't pick up an individual victory until Finke's world record in the 1,500 freestyle on the final night. Three of the four world records set at the meet came from the Americans, two of them in relays.

Australia will need to work hard to win, says McGrath

Looking forward: McGrath is one among many eagerly awaiting India's tour of Australia later this year. R. RAGU

CRICKET

Tarun Shastry
CHENNAI

Glenn McGrath, former Australian cricketer, fast-bowling legend, and the current Director of Coaching at the MRF Pace Foundation, expressed his excitement about the highly anticipated five-test series against India.

The series, which will commence in November down under, is widely expected to unfold as a fiercely competitive and intense battle between the two formidable sides.

India stunned the host in the previous series when the Ajinkya Rahane-led injury-stricken second-string side defied the odds to beat the Aussies 2-1 in a series that created history.

Speaking to the media on his third visit to the Foundation this year, McGrath said, "I am looking forward to this series. I think it is going to be result-oriented. You've got two teams that are aggressive in the way they play. So, I think we will have five different results in the series. Apart from the weather, there will be a result in all the matches.

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"India won the last two series down under, and now it is up to Australia. It used to be a place where India would come, and Australia would dominate, but not anymore, as India has backed themselves and found a way, and they have done well."

When asked if Australia will have the edge with home advantage, the 54-year-old said, "The home team always has an advantage because they know the conditions well. But Australia will need to work hard, as India has beaten them in their own conditions. The Indian team has a lot of experience, but Australia will be keen to come out and play well because this is the series they will look to win."

When asked about the possibility of other young Indian fast bowlers being given a chance in light of Mohammed Shami's injury, McGrath responded, "He is not young. It depends on Shami himself. If he's motivated to get back, given his injury and his road to recovery, it creates an opportunity for young pacers like Arshdeep Singh, Khaleel Ahmed, Prasidh Krishna, and Avesh Khan."

Gautam Gambhir, the newly appointed head coach, will travel to Australia for the first time since taking over the position from Rahul Dravid.

When asked about his former Delhi Daredevils teammate's elevation to the top job, McGrath said, "It is interesting as he is a slightly different character from Rahul Dravid. But he has a lot of passion for the game. He can be intense but loves the game, so we'll have to wait and see."

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Kiran triumphs

Kiran Akhade from United Rider's Barn won the highest category of show jumping (130cm) at the Equestrian Premier League (EPL) August 2024 which concluded here recently.

The results (winners all) Show jumping: SJ7 130cm: Kiran Akhade (SRS Newgrange, URB). **SJ6 120cm:** Thanush Gowda (Freezing Rain, Surge Stable).

SJ5 110-115cm: Sresht Raju Mantena (S. Quintani, Surge Stable); **SJ5 105cm:** Aradhana Anand (Democratic – W, Covai Stables).

SJ3 90-100cm: Sriram Shanmugam (My Lady, CS): **SJ2 80-90cm:** Aradhana Anand (Democratic – W, CS).

Open: Shiva Kumar (Victoria, AHRA); **SJ1 60-70cm:** Shourya Manoj (Youvraj, MGDPRA).

Victorious: Kiran Akhade (United Rider's Barn), the winner of the show jumping 130cm title. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Amogh wins it for Vijaya CC

Amogh R. Shetty's unbeaten century (112 n.o.) helped Vijaya CC, Malur register a five-wicket win over Century Cricketers in the KSCA (Group I) U-19 inter-club tournament.

The scores:

Swastic Union (1) 292/7 in 50 overs (Hardik Raj 117, R.V. Rohit 107, Sujay S. Kulkarni 4/53) bt Bangalore SC 277/9 in 50 overs (Arnavv Sharma 84, Vaasav Venkatesh 64, S. Ananth 27 n.o., Sujay S. Kulkarni 25, Nishanth Ravikiran 3/31).

Century Cricketers 285/5 in 50 Overs (Pradyumna Panigrahy 50, Aadesh Urs 103 n.o., Dhyaan Aithal 27, B.S. Sachin Bharadwaj 43 n.o.) lost to Vijaya, Malur 289/5 in 49 overs (Amogh R. Shetty 112 n.o., Shaurya Manish 40, Udgeet S. Nandan 83 n.o.).

Social Cricketers 128 in 34.3 overs (Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 35, Shridhar Jagatap 4/14) lost to Swastic Union (2) 132/6 in 27.1 overs (Talha Sheriff 29, R. Shiv 27).

Vijaya 308/5 in 50 overs (Yash Jadhav 32, Dhruv Krishnan 32, Akshath Prabhakar 99 n.o., Aniketh Reddy 107, K. Gagan Sai 3/74) bt Modern 216 in 49 overs (Anirudha S. Athreya 80, Mohd. Mohib Jamadar 44, Dhruv Krishnan 3/33).

Protectors get the better of Mumbai City

DURAND CUP

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

CISF Protectors surprised the Indian Super League Cup winner Mumbai City FC 2-0 to register its first win in a Group C league match of the 133rd Durand Cup football at the Kishore Bharati Stadium here on Monday.

Early lead

Santosh Kumar gave the paramilitary outfit an early lead when he latched on to a fine cross from Bebeto. Sahil Kumar doubled the lead late in the second half injury-time to help the CISF side collect full points against Mumbai City, which fielded its reserve team.

Memorable day: Protectors celebrate after Sahil seals it with a late goal. DEBASISH BHADURI

Former ISL league shield winner FC Goa got the better of local team Rangdajied United FC by the odd goal in seven in an absorbing Group F league match at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium at Shillong.

Rangdajied United, an I-League 3 side that was drafted in after ISL team Hyderabad FC pulled out at the last minute, took the lead in the 19th minute when Owanijuh Pajuh scored an opportunistic goal.

Goa came back strongly after the break and found the target four times through Leander D'Cunha (48th, penalty), Devendra Murgaokar (58th), Lalthangliana (79th, penalty) and Vellington Fernendes (90+6) in that order.

Pynbhalang Suting (61) and Apborlang Kurbah (85) scored Rangdajied's goals in the second half.

The results: Group C (Kolkata): Mumbai City FC 0 lost to CISF Protectors 2 (Santosh Kumar 3, Sahil Kumar 90+6).

Group F (Shillong): FC Goa 4 (Leander 48-pen, Devendra 58, Lalthangliana 79-pen, Vellington 90+6) bt Rangdajied United FC 3 (Owanijuh 19, Pynbhalang 61, Apborlang 85).

PSL set to clash with IPL next season

Press Trust of India
LAHORE

The Pakistan Super League (PSL) is set for a clash in dates with the Indian Premier League (IPL) next season as the PCB has been forced to change the window of its T20 league owing to a busy international schedule.

The PCB has indicated that the PSL could be held between April 10 and May 25 next year. The last IPL was held from March 22 to May 26.

The PSL is usually held in February and March every year but with Pakistan hosting a tri-series at home, followed by the Champions Trophy and a tour by the West Indies next year, a change in the tournament's schedule is imminent.

N R I Doublepower lives up to her billing in S. Rangarajan Memorial Cup

HYDERABAD: Mr. Ravinder Reddy Male's N R I Doublepower, piloted by Suraj Narredu, justified her favouritism by winning the S. Rangarajan Memorial Cup, the feature event of Monday's (Aug. 5) races. The winner is trained by D. Netto.

1. PALAMPET PLATE (DIV. II): PONTEFRACT (Afroz Khan) 1, Wind Sprite (Abhay Singh) 2, Fara (Rafique Sk.) 3 and Briar Ridge (Kuldeep Sr.) 4. 4-1/2, 1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m, 13.60s. ₹28 (w), 11, 24 and 15 (p). SHP: 87, THP: 41, SHW: 16 and 32, FP: 309, Q: 186, Tanala: 1,299. Favourite: Santa Barbara. Owners: M/s. Ayyadevara Srinivas, Bharat Venkat Epur & Shashidhar Kamineni. Trainer: L. D' Silva.

2. ASCOT PLATE: ARIETTE (Neeraj Rawal) 1, Rolls Royce (R.S. Jodha) 2, Bellingham (B.R. Kumar) 3 and Sargent (Mukesh) 4. Not run: Linda. 2-1/2, 1-1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m, 8.28s. ₹35 (w), 13, 11 and 18 (p). SHP: 31, THP: 34, SHW: 22 and 11, FP: 86, Q: 38, Tanala: 323. Favourite: Rolls Royce. Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Shapoor P. Mistry rep. Manjri Horse Breeders Farm Pvt. Ltd. & Mr. Anil V. Poduval. Trainer: N. Rawal.

3. JANGAON PLATE: AMPERE'S TOUCH (Neeraj Rawal) 1, Caraxes (Shivansh) 2, Grand Duke (Gaurav) 3 and Federer (Ashad Asbar) 4. 3/4, Neck and Nose. 1m, 43.16s. ₹57 (w), 15, 12 and 29 (p). SHP: 23, THP: 73, SHW: 26 and 13, FP: 172, Q: 55, Tanala: 1,340. Favourite: Caraxes. Owner: Mr. N. Shyam Sunder. Trainer: N. Rawal.

Rewarding a winner: N R I Doublepower's owner Ravinder Reddy Male, left, receiving the S. Rangarajan Memorial Cup from Ramesh Rangarajan, Director, *The Hindu* Group of Publications, in the presence of HRC chairman R. Surender Reddy. G. RAMAKRISHNA

4. SHAMIRPET CUP: PANCHO (Ajay Kumar) 1, Mix The Magic (Mohit) 2, Assured Success (Kuldeep Sr.) 3 and That's My Love (Akshay Kumar) 4. 1m, 14.20s. ₹109 (w), 22, 14 and 13 (p). SHP: 33, THP: 39, SHW: 81 and 21, FP: 552, Q: 208, Tanala: 2,682. Favourite: Antidote. Owner: Mr. K. Pradhyumna Reddy. Trainer: N. Ravinder Singh.

5. PALAMPET PLATE (DIV. I): WARWICK (A. ASHAD ASBAR) 1, Adbhut (Akshay Kumar) 2, Dyanoosh (M. Mark) 3 and Burgundy Black (Mohit Singh) 4. Head, 6-1/2 and 2. 1m, 13.01s. ₹59 (w), 19, 10 and 26 (p). SHP: 33, THP: 64, SHW: 10 and 14, FP: 136, Q: 37, Tanala: 648. Favourite: Adbhut. Owners: M/s. Sunil Kumar Sethi, E. Anoop Kumar Reddy, Bharat Venkat Epur, Ayyadevara Srinivas & T. Rakesh Reddy. Trainer: Ananta Vatsalya.

6. S. RANGARAJAN MEMORIAL CUP: N R I DOUBLEPOWER (Suraj Narredu) 1, Blazing Gun (Mukesh) 2, Malibu (Md. Ekram) 3 and Reigning Beauty (Afroz Khan) 4. 1-1/4, Neck and Neck.1m, 25.95s. ₹14 (w), 10, 12 and 35 (p). SHP: 29, THP: 55, SHW: 10 and 12, FP: 45, Q: 34, Tanala: 433. Favourite: N R I Doublepower. Owner: Mr. Ravinder Reddy Male. Trainer: D. Netto.

7. FAIRWAY PLATE : ALCAHOL FREE (Rafique Sk.) 1, Desert Sultan (Mukesh) 2, Planet Super (Kuldeep Sr.) 3 and Char Ek Char (P. Sai Kumar) 4. 3/4, 2-1/2 and 1-1/2. 1m, 28.49s. ₹135 (w), 42, 16 and 12 (p). SHP: 62, THP: 70, SHW: 57 and 17, FP: 692, Q: 431, Tanala: 2,243. Favourite: Planet Super. Owner: Mr. B.E. Vasanth Kumar. Trainer: B. Mukesh Kumar.

Jackpot: 70%: ₹75,218 (4 tkts.), 30%: 1,264 (102 tkts.).
Treble: (i) 2,094 (14 tkts.), (ii) 1,047 (53 tkts.).
Mini Jackpot: (i) 5,011 (8 tkts.), (ii) 15,952 (6 tkts.).